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Ex-leader hits back at claims on Davies

FORMER council leader Mike Bird says he and his cabinet were not to blame for the controversy surrounding sacked social care boss Paul Davies.

It has since emerged that Mr Davies had lost an employment tribunal for unfair dismissal and council leader Sean Coughlan claimed the legal battle had cost the authority £6.5 million.

But ex-leader Councillor Bird, said: "Those of us who were on the cabinet at the time have been assured by the chief executive that no elected member was to blame. The figures Sean Coughlan has quoted are absolutely and totally untrue."

Mr Davies was sacked over allegations he disclosed confidential information, and gave a credit union responsibility for £3.5m without permission.

Councillor Coughlan said: "It was important for the council to act when these matters regarding Paul Davies came to light. Clearly we have to be open and transparent with taxpayers about how much it is costing to deal with this very bad situation."

"The last time we found ourselves in a similar position was over the Peter Francis whistle blowing affair that cost taxpayers millions of pounds."

Land cleared for Gigaport

A PROMINENT site has been cleared to pave the way for future development in Walsall town centre.

The former HB Case factory and derelict Albion Tannery building have been pulled down to free up land for regeneration. The site off Hatherton Street and Albert Street will fit in with the £400 million Gigaport plans to create a business corridor.

It will be a car park with between 30 to 40 spaces until a decision is made on its long-term use.

MORE PRIVACY AT £5m WARD

NEW diamond-shaped bays have been created at a multi-million pound ward in a bid to improve privacy for patients at Walsall Manor Hospital.

The £5 million unit which opened last week is among the first in the country to feature such a layout with a bed positioned on each of the four sides, to boost patient privacy.

Each bay has en-suite facilities and two small areas, one for patients to sit out or eat meals and the other as a nurse base.

Work on the 30-bed facility started last summer and health chiefs at the Manor pushed for it to open this month to deal with demand. Around 30 nurses have been recruited for the new 'Ward 29'.

Kathryn Halford, director of nursing at Walsall Healthcare Trust, said: "Ward 29 will be a fantastic asset to the Trust. It is a purpose-designed facility providing us with 30 additional beds in a modern and extremely pleasant environment for our patients, their visitors and staff."

Infections

Work on the single-storey modular block started last July and included 32 sections being lifted into place by crane and bolted together.

The accommodation includes six single rooms for nursing patients with infections or needing high dependency care and half-a-dozen multi-bedded rooms.

Other facilities include a day sitting room which opens on to a small outdoor area, wheelchair store, a central station for staff, examination and consulting rooms along with kitchen, sluice and linen store.

by Craig Hughes

The unit is also trialling a new pharmacy collection and drop-off service which aims to improve the supply of medications to the ward and provide a secure facility for drugs no longer needed. A shop to be run by the Trust's League of Friends will later open within the main entrance.

It comes as Walsall Manor has dealt with one of its busiest ever periods as it was pushed to capacity. It recently emerged that emergency admissions have rocketed by more than a quarter in the last two years. The hospital was forced to declare a major incident at the height of its problems, with more staff drafted in.

Bosses revealed there has been a 27 per cent increase in emergency admissions in general during 2014/15 compared to 2012/13.

The Manor would normally expect around 500 patients in a week but this increased to 590 during its busiest period from December 29 to January 4. As a result of the extra strain, the Manor has been struggling to hit the four-hour waiting target. It has also been told to reduce emergency admissions by 3.2 per cent as part of £24m funding plans.

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Repair work on church roof nears end



Church Wardens Helen Robinson and John Pryce-Jones celebrate the end of the current repairs at St Matthews

A £250,000 project to repair the roof of Walsall's oldest church after it was targeted by lead thieves is due to be finished this week, sparking a fundraising drive for further repairs.

Members of St Matthew's Church have been fundraising for the work ever since the lead was stripped from the roof more than three years ago.

The project at the church in St Matthew's Close, which is around 800 years old, received support from English Heritage and work to replace the roof with galvanised steel started last June.

Church warden John Pryce-Jones,

aged 58, of Jesson Road, Walsall, said: "It has been completely re-roofed at the east end of the church."

"That was the area where there had been a theft of lead. The roof has been replaced on the south side and some work has been done on the north side."

"We've been permitted by English Heritage to replace it with galvanised steel."

"The work has gone really well. We are really pleased with the way it looks."

"We are still fundraising and have proposals for the inside of the church, including providing better toilets and

repairing the creaky staircase," he said. The work has been carried out by Lichfield-based contractors FWA Conservation.

More than £100,000 was pledged by English Heritage but the church had to raise the rest of the funds through donations and other grants.

The thefts at the church led to staff having to put plastic sheeting over sections of the roof in an attempt to stop rainwater leaking into the building during bad weather.

The church is planning to open up its crypt for public tours next month. To donate call 01922 626039.

Sir Jack's funeral will be in home city

SIR Jack Hayward's funeral will take place in Wolverhampton as his son Jonathan revealed the city was 'always close to his heart'.

Thousands of people are expected to line the streets at the service which is tipped to take place at St Peter's Collegiate Church.

Sir Jack's youngest son Jonathan said: "He was so proud to be born here for a start and from that falling in love with the club. Finding it in dire straits in the 1980s his strength was always building things and now Molineux is a great testament to what he did for the club."

"Where ever he was living in the world Wolverhampton was close to his heart. The funeral will be in Wolverhampton, we can't release the details yet and he has to be repatriated," he said.

Mr Hayward said Wolves fans did his father proud with a pre-match tribute which included a minute's applause, a mass balloon launch, and Sir Jack spelt out across the Steve Bull stand by fans.

Fans chanted 'he's one of our own', 'thumbs up for Sir Jack Hayward' and 'Jack Hayward's barmy army' as they beat Blackpool at Molineux with two late goals on Saturday.

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Police office closures due

TWO police station front offices in Walsall will close by the end of next month, it has been announced.

West Midlands Police has confirmed that both Aldridge and Willenhall police stations will shut their doors to the public on February 28. It comes as part of a plan to save more than £3 million.

West Midlands Police will close 27 front counters across the region over the next 12 months. Police said the closures follow analysis.

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First look at school's new building



An artist's impression of the block

THIS is the first image of a new multi-million pound teaching block to be built at a Walsall school, following the award of £3.5 million to replace run-down classrooms.

The three-storey block will be built at Joseph Leckie Academy, with work expected to start in April, ahead of completion in March next year.

The secondary school had been battling for investment at the site off Walstead Road West, Delves, for several years years and missed out when the Building Schools for the Future programme was scrapped in 2010.

But it has now been awarded almost £3.5m for the teaching block, which will have more than 20 classrooms with modern technologies included.

It has also bid for a further £4m from the Education Funding Agency to provide further facilities including a sixth form, more business, ICT and computing classrooms, dining and administrative areas.

The school made national headlines more than 10 years ago when a pupil presented a dossier to former schools minister Stephen Twigg showing the state of the school and the need for improvements during a visit to the House of Lords.

Headteacher Keith Whittlestone said: "It is excellent news, it is something we have been campaigning for a long time. It will be a modern building which will enable us to move teaching and learning on."

The new build will replace part of the main teaching block which dates back more than 70 years at the east end of the school. It will be constructed near the Colin Beilby building which was finished in 2009.

Drugged up drinker in crime spree jailed

A MAN who went on a drink and drugs-fuelled rampage down a Black Country street has been jailed for 10 months.

Ashley Till mixed a large quantity of vodka with both illegal and prescribed drugs before launching the crime spree, a court heard, ransacking a house he had broken into, attempting to burgle another and jumping onto the windscreen of a parked car.

Free swims for children to carry on

FREE swimming sessions for children in Walsall will continue until at least next spring, council chiefs have announced.

More than 30,000 children have so far taken advantage of the scheme at the borough's leisure centres since it was rolled out six years ago.

Walsall Council has now extended the initiative until April 2016. It is available at Walsall Gala Baths, Oak Park Leisure Centre and Darlaston Swimming Pool.

Leisure boss, councillor Khizar Hussain, said: "Free swimming has been a massive success in Walsall. Affordability is key to encouraging more young people and their families to enjoy swimming and the extension of the scheme for another year is recognition of that."

"Free swimming is a fabulous opportunity for young people and I would encourage them and their families to take advantage of the scheme."

The scheme is for children aged 16 and under.

Wolverhampton Crown Court was told the 27-year-old caused £250 damage to the car. All this happened in less than two hours in Beatrice Street, Leamore, Walsall on December 19 but Till had still not finished breaking the law, it was revealed.

He tried to stop a policeman arrested him soon afterwards and then damaging a police station cell in which he was put to cool down, explained Mr Jasvir Mann, prosecuting.

The drama started when tipsy Till leapt on to the bonnet of the Ford Focus that was parked in a driveway in the street, the court heard.

Then he made an unsuccessful attempt to break into a nearby house by kicking in the front door before fleeing when spotted inside another property 'ransacking' rooms, continued Mr Mann. Police were alerted and the defendant was later arrested in the area.

Mr Stephen Cadwaladr said: "He had taken plenty of alcohol along with drugs and has little recollection of what happened but realises that this kind of behaviour has got to stop."

Till of no fixed address, who had 18 previous convictions involving 36 offences, pleaded guilty to burglary, attempted burglary, resisting a Pc and two offences of criminal damage.

Choir looks for more voices



Venda Daley, left and Jill Sawford, with the Second Chance Cancer Choir at The Ohio Hub

A CHOIR whose members' lives were touched by cancer are appealing for more voices to join after the outfit moved home.

The 20-strong Walsall-based Second Chance Cancer Choir, performs at community events and has raised more than £1,800 for Cancer Research UK. It regularly rehearses around a dozen songs from rock to country and western hits.

The group, formerly based at Yew Tree Community Centre, has relocated and now rehearses at the Ohio Hub, in Midland

Road, Darlaston. A session took place this week and there is another one next Tuesday from 12.30pm to 2pm at the new base.

Before the Race for Life event in Walsall last May, the runners were treated to a special performance by the group which has also performed at West Bromwich Town Hall. For more details about joining the choir contact 07580 498156.

Men are also welcome to join the choir to add tenor and bass sounds. Second Chance Cancer Choir is also on Facebook.

Frescoes refurb at church is launched

A £200,000 conservation project is under way to preserve historic frescoes at a Black Country church.

English painter Edward Reginald Frampton, who specialised in murals, painted the four archangels, the tree of knowledge and other angels onto the walls of Rushall Parish Church in the early 20th century but the artworks have deteriorated over the decades.

After a huge fundraising campaign to raise the cash needed for improvements to the building – also known as St Michael the Archangel Church – a team of conservationists has at last arrived to work on the pictures.

This is the final phase of the project that has seen a new heating system installed and windows and the stonework cleaned as part of efforts to preserve the colourful murals.

The work on the paintings is being carried out by internationally renowned conservators Lisa Shekade and Stephen Rickerby.

As part of the process Lisa has painstakingly cleaned the wall surrounding the figure of the archangel Gabriel with thin paper and cotton buds. The final phase of work is due to be completed before the end of March.

Teen rider is injured on A5

A MOTORCYCLIST from Great Wyrley has been seriously injured after coming off his bike on the A5 near landmark pub The Bradford Arms in Ivetsey Bank.

The 18-year-old rider was taken to The Royal Stoke University Hospital with serious head, leg and pelvic injuries. His condition was later described as stable following the crash at about 9.10pm last Wednesday.

The driver of the car, a 34-year-old man from Stoke, has been reported for driving offences. A girl passenger in the car was treated for minor injuries.

£500k for sport

FOOTBALL pitches, fitness and changing rooms have been opened after a £500,000 investment at a Willenhall sports site. The Black Country Performance Hub has been created as part of the Aspray Arena, Noose Lane, by owners Sporting Khalsa.

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Blakemore recruits after new contract

A BLACK Country food service provider is recruiting additional staff as it embarks upon the second phase of a £150 million new contract.

Blakemore Foodservice, which forms part of the Willenhall-based A F Blakemore group of companies, is currently recruiting seven positions across its operation in response to a five-year contract with leading holiday and leisure group Bourne Leisure.

The Butlins and Warner Hotels contract started in November and the business is now looking forward to the next phase of the contract, which will incorporate Haven Caravan Parks. This new stage of the partnership will begin in February and be serviced from Blakemore Foodservice's two sites at Steelmans Road, James Bridge, Wednesbury and Wakefield, West Yorkshire.

Blakemore Foodservice sales and marketing director Jim Dudley said, "The Bourne Leisure business is very seasonally orientated, with 75 per cent of their sales generated between March and September.

"We have already employed additional warehouse and distribution staff but are looking for others to join the business."

Homes plan decision due

A DECISION on a housing development on a former school site in Walsall is expected in the coming weeks after plans were submitted.

Eight homes would be built on the old Three Crowns Special School in Skip Lane, which closed in 2006. Initial proposals went before the planning committee in October last year and were given the go-ahead by councillors despite concerns over it being green belt land.

Now the final details have been submitted to Walsall Council. Objectors called for the land to be kept for community use.

Country stroll

A WALKING group will be doing a seven-mile stroll this weekend. The Walsall Group of Ramblers will be going to Much Wenlock on Sunday, taking in Barrow Church. For more details call 01922 637850 or visit www.walsallramblers.co.uk website.

Petition call for dedicated medical centre



Councillor Rose Martin, with protesters

CAMPAIGNERS calling for a dedicated medical centre to be created for the community have launched a petition.

Around 5,500 postcards will be delivered to homes in Chuckery, Park Hall and Orchard Hills asking them to join the crusade. Conservative councillors in the area want to see health services based in a new centre including GPs sharing facilities.

Around 30 residents and supporters attended the launch of the petition calling on Walsall Council to convert the Broadway North Resource Centre that provides day services for adults with mental health needs and is also home to Park Hall Com-

munity Association. But the council's social care boss Councillor Diane Coughlan said no decision has been made over its future amid fears the site in Broadway North may be sold off to developers.

Petition organiser Conservative councillor Rose Martin said: "We want to secure and expand health services in this part of Walsall South and it is a noble cause. The number of people who have turned up today shows the strength of feeling locally. I would ask residents to fill in the cards and send them back. We want to see provision expanded to help to ease the pressure on the amount of elderly residents from this

area who are going to the Walsall Manor Hospital."

Walsall Council has launched a public consultation to gather views on the future use of Broadway North.

Labour's Councillor Coughlan said the council was listening to residents and all options were being considered. One option may be to sell the building," she said. "But I must reiterate how important it is that people realise that we are only gathering views to inform consultation and this is by no means a done deal." Residents are urged to attend a drop-in consultation session at the centre on February 4 from 2-4pm.

Firm brews up for a year of growth with real ale boost

Report by Adam Burling

NOT so long ago, real ale was associated with middle-aged men, drinking in smoky, badly-lit pubs.

But now it has surged in popularity as a whole new generation seeks an alternative to mass-produced lager.

New micro breweries are popping up across the country, and the industry is thriving in the Black Country and Staffordshire in particular. In Brownhills, business is booming for the Backyard Brewhouse – with bosses set to open a new bar in the town in the coming months.

The location has not been revealed yet, but the bar – specialising in craft beers – would be based in a former shop unit and would only have space for around 50 customers.

Director Austen Morgan, who runs the firm with Mike Bates, says it would be like a "snug" in the corner of an old-fashioned pub, with a warm atmosphere. And it will mainly sell craft beers, which are made without using filters or being pasteurised – leaving them cloudy and with a heavier taste.

Mr Morgan says it shows the way the sector is growing that a brewery like his now has the confidence to open a new bar like this, that just a few years ago would have been seen as catering for a niche market.

And with 31 pubs reported to be closing across the country each week, he admits it is a difficult time for the industry.

But the brewery is continuing to grow, and has increased production 60 per cent every 12 months in its first few years since launching in 2008.

That rapid expansion has slowed slightly now, but Mr Morgan expects to see a 20 per cent increase over the next year. It produced 46 barrels, or 11,031 pints, over the last year – up from 40 barrels the year before.

And chiefs have ambitious plans for the future, with the new craft beer bar the next step in the journey to opening a chain of businesses across the West Midlands.

They already run The Fountain in Lower Forster Street, and hope to open another five or six over the next four years.

Lower Gornal-based Black Country Ales has 25 pubs, with the latest opening in Bearwood High Street, and has shown there



The Backyard brewhouse in Brownhills has big plans for the coming year. Pictured in the brewery is director Mike Bates

is a growing demand for real ale. And the Backyard Brewhouse is building up a similar reputation among enthusiasts, while also attracting people who are trying ale for the first time.

Mr Morgan said: "It's always difficult to tell how things will go when you start a business like this but we are delighted so far. When we set it up we started out with the goal of really growing but we went into it not knowing where we were going to end up.

"We are pretty much on track now but we are going to keep going. I think the main target now is to secure volume at the brewery through acquiring an estate of pubs and craft bars."

Craft beer is also typically served well-chilled and carbonated, whereas real ales are served less cold and have no added gas.

Yet, like lager – which itself can be a craft beer or real ale – they share the same basic four ingredients: malted barley; hops; yeast; and water. In all cases other ingredients can be added on top, such as different grains. Bottled beers are also an important part of the future for micro breweries, and helps them compete with the mass producers selling multi-packs of lager.

The Backyard Brewhouse is looking to expand its range of bottles – and is planning to export to Europe and even Hong Kong, where the beer market is growing.

Special edition ales are a trademark of micro breweries, and bottles of SRD marking the 100th anniversary of the First World War flew off the shelves.

Staff at the brewery were forced to produce casks of the SRD beer to mark the anniversary of the war after more than 2,000

bottles were snapped up in weeks. The success of the SRD beer means it will now be brewed throughout the First World War 100-year commemorations until 2018.

The new craft bar in Brownhills will also stay true to its independent roots by refusing to stock soft drinks made by the usual huge brands. Instead it will only sell products by independent firms, which Mr Morgan says will set them apart.

The brewery at the Gatehouse Trading Estate in Brownhills had a £250,000 re-vamp three years ago with new equipment and offices.

Mr Morgan said: "All breweries are looking to add an alternative dimension to what they offer while drawing new people in, and we have plenty of plans for the future.

"It is exciting times and we are confident about what we can achieve."

NEWS IN BRIEF

School now out of special measures

A SCHOOL which was put into special measures more than a year ago has been rated as 'good' by Ofsted.

St Francis Catholic Primary School, in Shelfield, was rated 'inadequate' and placed in special measures following an inspection in September 2013. But a new report shows the Mill Road school was reinspected last month and has now come out of special measures after improving its rating.

The recent report said 'pupils thrive in this school' and that behaviour was 'impeccable', with teaching described as 'imaginative' and 'effective'.

Action plan over alcohol abuse

AN action plan is being drawn up by council and health bosses in Walsall to tackle alcohol abuse.

The council's health and wellbeing alcohol work group will report its findings in the coming weeks. It is looking at how to raise awareness among young people of the dangers of alcohol.

Figures show 119 people in Walsall died of causes related to alcohol in 2013/14, along with 161 in Sandwell, 142 in Dudley and 115 in Wolverhampton.

Website boost for dental surgery

A DENTAL surgery that provides a 24-hour emergency service has been signed up to a Walsall website that promotes the borough's best businesses.

The Dentist Surgery based, in Liskeard Road, Park Hall, has been accepted to join the Best of Walsall network.

All Best of Walsall members are vetted to become members to ascertain if they meet the criteria.

Bowls teams are sought for league

THE Darlaston Bowls league is looking for additional teams. Matches are played every Saturday, beginning at 2.30pm.

Each team consists of 10 players, men or women, and each squad will need a ground to play on. The season starts in April, contact Joe Wainwright on 01922 862077, or email jwainwright1@sky.com.

Talent show at hall

A TALENT show will take place at Walsall town hall on January 31. The Big One will feature dance groups, bands, solo artists and other performers. Tickets cost £10 for adults. Call 01902 897900.

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CARE to guess what happened when an American man surprised his wife with breakfast in bed, accidentally setting off the burglar alarm at their North Carolina home? No prizes. Tiffany Segule, 27, shot him through the closed bedroom door. Thankfully, he was not seriously hurt. So that's Eggs American-style. Sunny side up with extra lead.

THIS week University College London claimed that by the year 2050 cancer will rarely kill anyone under 80. All I can add is that in 45 years in journalism I cannot remember a time when a cure for cancer was not just around the corner.

SORRY, folks, but after much consideration, Je ne suis pas Charlie. I will march against terrorism. I will march in sorrow and solidarity with the bereaved. I will march in rage and despair at the premeditated slaughter of fellow journalists. But I will not march to defend the absolute right to freedom of expression. There is no such right, and nor should there be.

AS the death of Sir Jack Hayward was announced, Julia Bradbury was exploring Brunel's magnificent Victorian steam ship SS Great Britain in The Wonder of Britain (ITV). Pity she didn't explain why the ship is displayed in glory in Bristol rather than rotting away in the Falkland Islands, as it was for many sorry years. SS Great Britain was saved solely because in 1970 Sir Jack personally paid £150,000 for the hulk to be towed 8,000 miles back to Bristol. Didn't that deserve just a little mention?

DIDN'T Tony Blair look old, ragged and in need of a decent night's sleep during his appearance before a Common committee? Maybe he's worried about the soon-to-be-published Chilcot inquiry (11 bloody years after the event) into the 2003 invasion of Iraq. Don't you hope so?



MEANWHILE, Fiona Bruce breathlessly assures us on BBC News that France's decision to put 15,000 squaddies on the streets is "the biggest ever deployment of troops in France." Does nobody do history any more?

FILMING begins this month for the second series of W1A, the wonderful satire on life, work and corporate-cobblerspeak at the BBC. But how do you satirise something as inherently strange as the Beeb? This week Director-General Tony Hall declared that the corporation was "stuck in an analogue cul-de-sac". Now who wrote that? Was it his own speech writers or the script writers for W1A, going forward?

THERE are many ways of recognising a cultured man. Left alone with a tea cosy, the cultured man will not use it as a hat. The cultured man can hold a sink plunger without doing Dalek impressions. He can hear the William Tell overture without thinking of the Lone Ranger. And as this week's storms descended, a truly cultured man can hear the phrase "yellow snow warning" without sniggering. Yet again, I fail the test.

AM I missing something? Ed Miliband is castigated for "weaponising" the NHS to use it to batter the Tories, and seems determined to refute the allegation. But can anyone remember an election campaign when the NHS was not a weapon in the armoury? The important thing, as Tony Blair discovered during that memorable slugging-off by no-nonsense Brummie Sharon Storer in a 2001 hospital visit ("All you do is walk around and make yourself known but you don't do anything to help anybody.") is to remember the NHS is double-edged and can cut both ways. It is a high-risk weapon for any politician to wield, especially one who can't even cope with a bacon sandwich.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Tributes for ex-mayoreess who died



Mrs Douglas-Maul

TRIBUTES have been paid to a former Mayoress who has died after a long illness, aged 82.

Jean Douglas-Maul fulfilled the role in Walsall in 2000-01 when her husband was the first citizen. She was married to current Conservative councillor Brian Douglas-Maul who represents Streety, for more than 50 years.

Tory leader Mike Bird said thoughts

were with her family at this time. I had the privilege of knowing Jean for almost 40 years.

"She was an exceptional Mayoress to husband Brian as Mayor in 2000.

"I considered Jean to be a friend, and was a rock within the family and especially to Brian since 1953.

"My condolences are extended to Brian, Lorna, Karen and Justin at this very sad

time." Mrs Douglas-Maul passed away earlier this month. The funeral is at All Saints Church, Foley Road East, Streety, on January 30 at 11.30am followed by a private burial.

There will be family floral tributes only, but donations can be made to St Giles Hospice c/o Ian Hazel Funeral Directors, 274 Lichfield Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield, B74 2UH.

Dedicated volunteers put villa back on track

Report by Adam Burling

IT was facing extinction, with 116 years of footballing history set to end as a band of dedicated volunteers struggled to cope.

But now just six months on, bosses at Pelsall Villa FC are looking to the future by setting up a youth academy, merchandise range and website.

A small group of volunteers was responsible for running the club – with Mark Bentley taking on both the chairman and manager roles. But they had reached breaking point and warned that unless people came forward to help, the club would fold. Since then a new manager has been recruited and residents help with the upkeep of the ground.

And former player Mr Bentley says the club has gone from surviving from day-to-day, to planning for the years ahead. Tracksuits, replica shirts, hats and scarves can be ordered through the club shop, while a new mobile phone app has also been designed featuring team news.

Next season bosses are planning to start an academy for 16 to 19-year-olds, offering official training courses. Money is being generated through new sponsorship deals and Mr Bentley said he was 'excited' about the coming months.

The team are currently 14th in the Midland Football Combination league premier division, but Mr Bentley hopes these latest plans will boost the club's profile and attract new fans. Match discounts are being offered to season ticket holders of Walsall, West Brom, Wolves and Aston Villa.

And chiefs have now recruited photographers and writers to compile match reports. Mr Bentley, who last season was balancing his day job as a roofer with running the club with colleague Shaun Mason, said he was delighted with the response since the rallying cry to help save the club was sent out during the summer. Records show that football was played in Pelsall as long ago as 1898.



Chairman Mark Bentley, and manager Scott Cooksey, at Pelsall Villa FC, which have big plans for the future

Compulsory voting costs revealed

COMPULSORY voting proposed by a long-serving MP would have seen thousands of his own constituents fined, his opponent has claimed.

David Winnick, who has represented Walsall North since 1979, called for fines to be levied against those who do not vote or at least abstain in person or in writing. The proposal would copy the model of Australia, where voting has been compulsory for many years.

But Douglas Hansen-Luke, the

Tory candidate trying to unseat him in May's General Election, says that if the same number of people who did not vote in 2010 abstained again, it would mean tens of thousands of people being fined.

Almost 30,000 people failed to vote in Walsall North, leaving a turnout of only 55.5 per cent.

In Australia the fine can be around £11, hence Mr Hansen-Luke's estimate that the measure would have cost absent voters £319,000 in Walsall North alone in

2010. However, Mr Winnick points to evidence from Australia which shows turnout has been as much as 95 per cent when voting is compulsory.

If that were the case in 2010 then 3,273 people would have abstained, costing them £36,003.

Mr Hansen-Luke said: "We all want to see more people involved in our community and how it's run. But before we consider making non-voters pay, our MPs need to give us something to vote for."

Elderly in falls after path work starts up

ELDERLY people have tripped or fallen over on uneven footpaths during a £200,000 improvement project of Darlaston town centre, a councillor has revealed.

Darlaston South Councillor Paul Bott has now reassured shoppers that the road and footpath work will be completed by the end of next month. He has held talks with highway chiefs at Walsall Council after receiving complaints that people had fallen on uneven surfaces during the works.

The scheme started before Christmas but was halted over the festive season. Work has since started again and Councillor Bott said he had received complaints from at least six people. He said: "A lot of people have been asking me what's happening in the town centre so I called a meeting with the town hall officers to talk about it."

As part of the project King Street has become one-way for deliveries to shops and work is under way to lay a new surface along the road.

Councillor Bott added: "Unfortunately since the work started last month we've had a number of complaints from elderly people that they have either tripped up or fallen over."

Choir starts new season

A LEADING male voice choir is to start its programme of events for the year on Saturday. The first concert for Walsall Harmonic Male Voice Choir's new season will be at St Paul's Church, Walsall Road, Great Barr, starting at 7.30pm.

Press officer for the choir Tony Fowler, said: "We are a four-part harmony choir with a varied repertoire and including solo performers.

"Most of our concerts are for charities. We can include new venues later in the year. We are also looking for new voices." For further details contact 0121 502 5751.

More fuel cuts

A SECOND Walsall petrol station has slashed the cost of a litre of unleaded to under £1. The Cornwall Garage in Wednesbury Road, Palfrey, that sells Harvest Energy fuel, reduced prices to 99.7p for unleaded and 109.7p for diesel, down from 105.9p and 112.9p.

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Academy backing parents to learn

AN ACADEMY in Walsall is running a course for parents to inspire them to build confidence and re-engage with learning.

Charles Cuddy Walker Academy, in Derby Street, is running the adult learning initiative, which has been designed in partnership with Walsall College.

Parents have already enjoyed their first session taste of the term-long English and maths sessions being run at the school each week.

Around 22 parents have already signed up.

Rebekah Evans-Walker, a lecturer at Walsall College, said: "This first session has been really positive and we have looked at ways English and maths are used in everyday situations and in all forms of communication, from reading emails, text messages and while out shopping."

"It's about our students gaining confidence in their skills, and themselves, so they can then work towards gaining the qualification. It will be challenging but we aren't setting anyone up to fail."

Acting head Lisa Chambers said it was encouraging to see so many parents wanting to better themselves and learn at the same time as their own children.

Temporary surgery bid

A TEMPORARY doctor's surgery will remain in place in Bloxwich for another six months ahead of a new permanent one opening in the summer, planning chiefs have agreed.

A two-storey building and pharmacy is being built in Fisher Road for up to 3,000 patients. An application was put forward for permission for the temporary surgery to be in place longer for another six months.

The Abbey Square Centre, which previously served the Mossley estate, was forced to move when the lease on the building expired.

Water scheme

A TWO-WEEK road closure is in place for the next phase of water main improvements, along Spring Lane, Willenhall, between the junctions of Ashmore Lake Road and Sandbeds Road. Restrictions will be in operation until February, with signed diversions.

Vie sings praises of foodbank for donation



Vie Watson, who sang in aid of a foodbank

A FOODBANK has received a bumper donation after a Black Country singer held and impromptu show – at a service station.

Big-hearted Vie Watson collected £350 in little over an hour during a performance at the service station at Norton Canes on the M6 Toll. The mother-of-two from Sedgley, who is a professional singer and part-time teacher has presented the money to the Black Country Food Bank, following the collection on Christmas Eve.

She said: "I have always been a champion of the food bank and I have seen first hand from some of my pupils and their families

how it impacts lives. So I thought what can I do to help raise money for the cause? I thought 'I can sing' so I got a bucket and sang for an hour and a half at the services on the M6 toll."

As well as paying the toll charge, motorists stopping off at the services also gave generously to Mrs Watson, who sang traditional hymns and jazz songs – as well as something for the youngsters.

"Passers-by were very generous," she said. "They particularly liked Let it Go from Disney film Frozen. The children were mesmerised by it. I am truly humbled by their

generosity. It didn't cost me anything, just the petrol of getting to the services."

Mrs Watson, who teaches part-time at half a dozen schools in Dudley and also runs a choir in Wolverhampton, regularly visits the Calvary Church in Stallings Lane, Kingswinford, which has a lot of involvement with the Halesowen-based food bank.

She said: "Its stocks have been replenished over Christmas but it is the summer when they have empty shelves and families in the Black Country struggle to feed their kids. So I am planning to do something else in the summer, expect more fundraising."

Emergency admissions at hospital up by almost 100

EMERGENCY admissions at Walsall Manor Hospital have rocketed by more than a quarter in the last two years.

It comes as the under-pressure hospital faces one of its busiest periods ever and is pushed to full capacity, with almost 100 extra patients a week. The Manor was forced to declare a major incident at the height of its problems, with more staff drafted in.

Art that is to be Found at gallery

A NEW exhibition featuring the work of seven contemporary artists will open soon at the New Art Gallery Walsall.

Titled 'Found' the display uses images discovered on the internet, flea markets, magazines and discarded items. It will include six new works specially commissioned by the gallery.

The exhibition explores themes of loss, memory and mass experience, as well as gender, race, religion and mass culture. It draws attention to the effects of consumption in a digital age.

The artists Paul Chiappe, Ruth Claxton, Julie Cockburn, Ellen Gallagher, Vesna Pavlovic, Erik Kesels and John Stezaker will attend a preview event at the attraction in Gallery Square from January 29 from 6pm to 8pm.

Ms Pavlovic will give a short presentation about her work at 6pm in the exhibition room. Found runs from January 30 to May 3.

The gallery is open Tuesdays to Saturdays from 10am to 5pm and Sundays midday to 4pm.

Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust boosted the staff to help with the discharge of patients.

And bosses revealed there has been a 27 per cent increase in emergency admissions in general during 2014/15 compared to 2012/13.

The Manor would normally expect around 500 patients in a week but this increased to 590 during its busiest period from December 29 to January 4. It meant it had to open extra overflow beds and has not been able to take in patients from other packed hospitals nearby.

Chief executive Richard Kirby said: "It has been one of the busiest Christmas periods I have known since I have been here and I think that has been the same with other trusts. I would like to say a thank you to all of the staff and the patients for bearing with us."

Due to the number of people already at the hospital, Walsall Healthcare NHS has been unable to take patients from other trusts – and been forced to ask for help itself. "Because we are very busy the first thing we have got to do is make sure we can deal with our own work. If we are able to help we will," Mr Kirby said.

"In the last few weeks we have been asking for help more than we have been receiving."

Dozens pay tribute to Sister Dora



Staff from Walsall Manor Hospital at the service

"WALSALL has a woman it can be really proud of – those were the kind words used to describe nursing heroine Sister Dora at a special remembrance service in the town.

Around 60 people turned out to mark the life of Sister Dora at St Paul's Church at The Crossing in Walsall.

This year marks the 150th anniversary of Sister Dora moving to Walsall from her birthplace in Yorkshire.

The annual service of thanksgiving

was led by Rev Mark Kinder, who is the Vicar at the church. There were readings of prayers and hymns were sung.

Afterwards, there was a procession to the Statue of Sister Dora on The Bridge and floral tributes were laid.

During the service, Rev Nigel Taylor, the curate of St Paul's and St Luke's, said: "Sister Dora was completely selfless and she cared for and supported people."

"Florence Nightingale recognised



Dignitaries leave the church and march towards the statue



The crowd is addressed during the event on Sunday

her as an outstanding nurse. Walsall has a woman to be really proud of."

The Mayor of Walsall, Councillor Pete Smith, was also at the service with the Mayoress, his niece Mrs Laura Barnes.

He said: "We saw a good turnout at the service. All of the people who were at the service then walked down to the statue. Sister Dora is the most famous name that Walsall has had. She meant so much to the people of Walsall and she was and still is a role model."

Fight launched for health centre

THOUSANDS of residents in Walsall are being urged to join a campaign calling for a council building to be converted into a community and health centre.

Conservative councillors in the town's Paddock ward want to see health services in the area including GPs share facilities.

They have launched a petition calling on the council to provide premises, setting their sights on the Broadway North Resource Centre. It already provides day services for people with mental health issues and is home to Park Hall Community Association.

Improvements on road due to start

WORK on a new roundabout as part of multi-million pound road improvements in Walsall is due to start this summer.

It is due to be installed at the junction of Bescot Road and Wallows Lane under the overall £26m highways project. A series of improvements are being carried out in a bid to cut congestion in Darlaston and Pleck.

Work to widen the junction at Darlaston Road and Bescot Road is already under way.

Woman, 85, died after fall at home

A PENSIONER from Walsall died of a haemorrhage after falling in her garden, an inquest heard.

Mary Bill aged 85, fell on January 7 at her home in Brockhurst Crescent. The inquest at Sandwell Coroners Court on January 13, heard she went outside to check on building work.

Mr Zafar Siddique, senior coroner, recorded the conclusion to the inquest as accidental death.

Police raise £800 with bake-off bid

A POLICE bake-off has raised £800 for charity.

The contest saw officers and staff from Staffordshire Police bake cakes at home and then enter them into the competition – similar to the TV show.

More than 100 cakes were displayed to judge, Chief Constable Jane Sawyers, in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Waste protest

ALMOST 2,000 people have signed a petition over Walsall Council's budget plans to charge extra for garden waste collection. Opponents say the proposal will result in more cuttings in rubbish bins.

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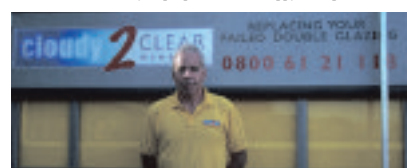
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IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews

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LOOK, I confess I am not a regular bus traveller. I occasionally hop onto one after a night out in town, or on the way back from the garage when I drop the car in for a service, but there are plenty of people better qualified to comment on their merits than myself.

But when I heard National Express's justification for hiking up its fares at a time of falling fuel prices, my jaw dropped.

Normally, they blame rising fuel costs when they put the fares up, but this year, faced with a 20 per cent fall in the cost of diesel, they have had to try a different tack. So this year the 4.8 per cent increase is justified by the fact that the company is investing in some shiny new buses to make for a more pleasant passenger experience. Drivers will also be getting some smart uniforms to add to the feeling of wellbeing.

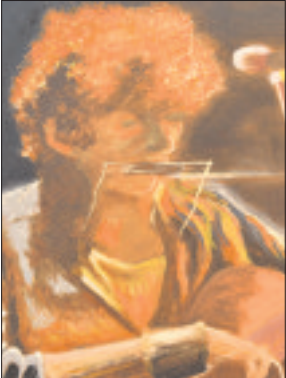
But really, who actually gets onto a bus for the enjoyment of it? Even in the days of the much-maligned Banga buses, I don't suppose anybody saw one arrive at the bus stop and think, 'you know what, I'll wait another 20 minutes in case the next one has plusher upholstery?'

Whenever I board a bus, the main considerations are where it goes from, where it goes to, how long I will have to wait, and how quickly it will get me back. And yes, how much it costs. Because when it is £2.20 to go a couple of miles, and there's a group of you, a taxi suddenly sounds much better value.

It's the same with the shiny new bus station in Wolverhampton. Yes, it is clean bright and modern, far more attractive than the old, cramped affair. But the thing about the scruffy old bus station was you could just turn up, and get a bus to just about anywhere you were likely to want to go. Now you rock up, fiddle about with the exciting new touch screen, and it tells you that the bus you want only picks up passengers from the other side of town.

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Bob Dylan, seen in performance



Singer, Sting, painted on plywood



Judi Dench, the only actor on show



Beaumaris Castle, as realised by Richard

Stars light up new artwork on display

An artist is showing off his unique talents including amazing portraits of music stars, at Chasewater

PORTTRAITS of stars from Sting to Judi Dench have gone on show as part of a new exhibition.

Burntwood artist Richard Griffin is showcasing his work at Chasewater Innovation Centre, between Burntwood and Brownhills, throughout this month, with individual works ranging from rock stars to landscapes.

The 63-year-old private music teacher has been painting since he was a teenager but has dedicated more time to his passion since leaving his job as a school music teacher in 2006.

Mr Griffin, from Squirrels Hollow, said: "We had art classes in school and I have dabbled with painting since I was in my teens. I am mainly self-taught and I take inspiration from pictures in books or magazines. I enjoy painting landscapes, trees, lakes and mountains." It is Mr Griffin's second exhibition, having previously displayed his work in Waitrose in Lichfield.

The grandfather of four added: "I paint mostly in oil but I like to try out different techniques including watercolours and using a knife on oil paintings, too. Some of my paintings are not so realistic, they are more bold and colourful. I paint in four or five different styles and I think the variety of paintings makes my exhibition a little unusual."

Mr Griffin said his love of music has inspired a number of the artworks in the collection. He said: "I enjoy painting famous musicians and faces that people will recognise from the 1960s to the present day. There is an odd one out and that is actress, Dame Judi Dench.



Artist, Richard Griffin, who is exhibiting his work at the Chasewater Centre

"I painted her about three years ago when I began to experiment with different styles. The painting of Sting has more detail than the others, this is to make it look more like a photograph. It is painted in black and grey and painted on thin plywood.

"Other portraits are painted in a poster style where I don't blend the paint so as you move away from the picture it looks more real. Other famous musicians I have painted include Eva Cassidy and Miles Davis. Miles is a trumpet player and I am very inter-

ested in jazz. Again I am a big fan of Bob Dylan, I have painted more than one picture of him. The image showing him playing the guitar was inspired by a concert I saw on the TV. I paused the screen so I could take a picture and then painted it the size of the TV screen. The colours in this painting are based on the shine from the lights and glow from the stage.

"Some pieces I still consider to be unfinished. Some of my paintings I may go back to years later.

"One of my landscape pictures is



One of Richard's landscapes



Venice and the Campanile Bell Tower

based on Lake Garda in Italy. The scene is real but the colours are fantasy. I don't always paint exactly as it looks.

"The castle on a snowy background is based on Beaumaris Castle in Anglesey, looking out past the castle towards Snowdonia. This is based on a photo I took but it was in the summer."

The free exhibition is running until Saturday at the Country Park on Pool Lane and all paintings on display are for sale, with prices ranging from £50 to £500. For more information, people should call 01543 370737.

WEEK IN POLITICS

with Daniel Wainwright

THE words 'long-term economic plan' are still ringing through the streets of the West Midlands. Well, maybe that's a bit of an exaggeration. But they're certainly reverberating around the hotel on the South Staffordshire and Cannock border where George Osborne addressed a group of pensioners this week.

The Chancellor went table to table discussing his new pensioner bonds. Don't worry, that's not some later life version of Fifty Shades of Grey. Rather it's a way of giving savers something to offset the impact of low interest rates, which are helping people with mortgages but not doing a fat lot for those trying to build a nest egg.

The four aforementioned words are central to everything the Chancellor is campaigning on over the next few months.

"Stick with me and I'll make the country wealthy," he's effectively saying. Give the Treasury to the other lot and they'll undo all the good work."

Explain

It's really going to be a question as to how worth it the various upturns in the economy have been. If the cuts imposed since 2010 haven't been worth it then Mr Osborne's long-term economic plan is going to become an opposition pipe dream.

We're going to see him again before the election. He wants to set out a long-term economic plan for the Midlands as well.

Hopefully this will explain what we're actually meant to do with the Birmingham and Black Country Combined Authority that council leaders signed up to recently.

There has been a lot of talk about a so-called northern powerhouse. And Mr Osborne is adamant he wants a rebalanced economy that does not rely as heavily as previously on the City of London.

If the north is the powerhouse, the Midlands cannot just be the passed over middle child, a sort of unappetising stale jam inside the doughnut that would be the rest of England.

We will see George Osborne again. It's about time we found out what exactly is on the table in terms of devolved powers.

No employer should be able to get away without paying their workers at least the National Minimum Wage.

But I do have to wonder if a 'naming and shaming' policy by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills is really helpful.

All the ones in the West Midlands on the past two lists told of either 'genuine mistakes' or disputes with staff over their attendance.

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Solidarity in abhorrence of killings

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The dignity and defiance of the 'Je Suis Charlie' rallies has been impressive. I was able to join the Birmingham event organised by our French community and, walk in solidarity with many other West Midlandsers.

Horrific and saddening as the murders were, one thing will never be taken from

'Charlie Hebdo' it is its courage. The courage to stand up for freedom of expression in the face of many pressures and dangers.

The extremists involved are not 'Warriors', just killers. They should be treated as such. White, brown and black, Left, Centre or Right, Muslim, Hindu, Catholic, Jewish or Agnostic a message has been sent out to our local communities that it is a time for unity and pride. Not sweeping generalisations, prejudice and fear. Support tolerance and our freedoms 'JeSuis Charlie' Ay we!

CLLR DOUG JAMES, Walsall

Arm police to ward off terrorists

WE are now being advised by our government to be alert and vigilant as the threat of a terrorist attack on our nation is severe.

Surely if governments can be so sure of this then they must know who these people are.

They must be stopped from re-entering this country if there is the slightest notion that they are coming back to commit these horrors.

I know that this will not stop the lone wolves that are already resident in this country from perpetrating these cowardly acts, but something has to be done now. The first steps should be to permanently arm every one of our police officers and let them have a fighting chance against these deluded beings.

This country has always prided itself on having a mainly unarmed force but we are now fighting a different foe and every police officer should be allowed to be armed.

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New Metro line is vital

CENTRO is right to pursue the planned new Metro line from Wolverhampton to New Cross Hospital, Wednesfield and Walsall.

Travelling between Wolverhampton and Walsall by bus is tortuous, with the 529 being frequently held up in traffic, especially around the M6. The Metro would give the fast link between Walsall and Wolverhampton.

However, progress on the Metro has not been 'rapid'. Greater Manchester now has a tram network covering the whole conurbation. The West Midlands still only has one route between Wolverhampton, West Bromwich and Birmingham. Cities that wish to thrive need good quality public transport. Failing to look ahead will result in urban decline.

KEVIN CHAPMAN,
Chairman of the West Midlands Campaign for Better Transport

Talent will always out

I AGREED with Daniel Wainwright's report regarding Lenny Henry. Multi-talented as Lenny is, he seems to be blinkered as to how much ethnic talent there is on TV and radio today.

Does he ever watch any? Talent will out whatever colour or creed of the artist.

Maybe he is trying to help people get a break but to do so by asking for 'BBC Today' that he was guest presenting to be presented by black and minority staff and to feature the same contributors, seems to be overstepping the mark.

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Leckie awarded £3.4m for new teaching block

A SCHOOL in Walsall has been awarded £3.4 million to build a new teaching block, with work due to start in the spring.

It comes after Mark Hayward, project director for the Education Funding Agency, visited Joseph Leckie Academy, which has around 1,200 pupils, more than a year ago.

Bosses at the Walstead Road West school, together with Walsall South MP Valerie Vaz and Palfrey councillor Allah Ditta, also met with Schools Minister David Laws to lobby for funding.

Contractors are due to be on site in April and the building, which will feature 21 classrooms, is expected to be finished in March next year. The academy has also put in a bid for a further £4m from the Education Funding Agency which would provide further facilities for the sixth form, more business, ICT and computing classrooms, dining and administrative areas.

Positive

Councillor Ditta, who is also a school governor, said: "Valerie Vaz and I are now backing another application for an extra £4m from the Government which we hope to hear a positive response to in March. If successful, a planning application for a new wing will be made."

Ms Vaz said: "When I visited the school I saw the state of disrepair. At our meeting with the Schools Minister it was agreed that an official from the Department for Education would visit Joseph Leckie to see the state of the buildings and to advise the school which funds it could apply for."

"I am delighted that our meeting resulted in the school being awarded an initial £3.4m. Some of these buildings are 75 years old and have been in an unacceptable state of disrepair for a period of time."

A campaign to improve the school started in 2005 when pupils sent a DVD to ministers to show them the work needed.

Finding future authors



From left, Soroptimists press officer Norah Hancox, president Marilyn Wilkes, Jean Shaw, and learning library assistant Jill Bailey

BUDDING writers from Walsall schools are urged to get their creative juices flowing for a competition. The closing date is February 13.

Classroom staff and parents are being urged to sign up 10-year-olds for the creative writing project being organised by Walsall Schools' Library Service and the Soroptimist International of Walsall group.

It is for Year 5 pupils who attend a primary school in the borough.

Talented youngsters will be required to submit a piece of work of around 450 words based on the themes of monsters or aliens, a magical journey or a rainforest adventure. Prizes will be awarded for

the best work. Book vouchers will be given for the top three places. The closing date is February 13.

There will be a special prize-giving ceremony at the main Walsall Library, in Lichfield Street, in March. The Organisers say the aim of the competition is to foster children's creativity, literacy and talent to build self-confidence, skills and aspiration.

Information about it has been sent to all primary schools in the borough.

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Bosses have launched a New Year recruitment drive to attract new helpers. People are needed to help collect donations, organise fundraising events and drive vans.

Welfare co-ordinator Becky Weeks said: "We have a number of volunteer roles available. We need people to collect donations at supermarkets, help out at shows we organise and also drive vans that go out to the vets or to pick up animals. It's great to put on your CV that you've done some voluntary work."

The Walsall branch of the RSPCA is run by seven trustees and team of around 20 volunteers.

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Ear attack man gets jail after club fight

A TEENAGER had part of his ear bitten off following a fight in a Black Country nightclub, a court heard.

Chaz Fenton was on leave from the Army and on a night out with friends when the permanent damage was caused by Stefan Gvozdenovic. The 19 year-old victim now has the top part of his ear lobe missing.

He was in Vogue nightclub in Walsall town centre in the

early hours of the morning when there was a dispute between two groups of men in which Gvozdenovic became involved, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

There was a scuffle which resulted in Mr Fenton being knocked to the floor and then having his ear bitten.

He was taken to hospital and despite the part of the ear lobe being recovered by police he decided not to have it stitched back on. Gvozdenovic, aged 29, of Dugdale Crescent, Mere Green, Sutton Coldfield, admitted a charge relating to unlawful wounding and was sentenced to a 22 month jail term.

Judge Robin Onions said the victim had been left with a permanent injury after the incident at around 3.10am on September 28, 2013.

Mr Mukhtar Ubhi, de-

by Craig Hughes

fending, said it had stemmed from two groups who had been out drinking.

He added that a melee occurred which was not started by Gvozdenovic and that there was the scuffle.

Mr Ubhi said: "In that very one moment, the best thing he can do to get away from the situation is to bite that person's ear. He doesn't hang around, he doesn't stop there to cause further harm."

The court heard Gvozdenovic has 10 previous convictions including threatening behaviour. It was said there had been issues involving drink previously. The judge told Gvozdenovic: "Using your teeth as a weapon is a distinctly unpleasant thing to do."

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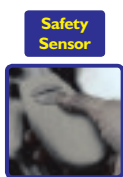
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School is shortlisted for prestigious award



Pupil Safa Asif, aged six, and head of Blue Coat infants, Jo Whitmore, celebrate winning some money for the school. A SCHOOL in Walsall has qualified for a prestigious pupil premium award from the Department for Education.

Blue Coat CE Infant School was named as one of four national finalists in the infant and key stage three school category for this year's Pupil Premium Awards. A letter was sent to the school by Schools Minister David Laws.

The school has been given the honour in recognition of its effective use of the pupil premium in raising the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and improving their outcomes. All finalists in the infant and key stage three school category will win at least £2,000, with the winning school awarded £10,000.

The Pupil Premium Awards reward schools which are able to provide evidence of effective strategies to improve the achievement of disadvantaged pupils and show sustained improvement in raising their attainment.

The pupil premium is extra funding schools receive for every disadvantaged pupil they teach.

The overall winner will be announced at a special awards ceremony in London on March 25.

Salon boss hits back at claims on staff pay

BUSINESSES and a not-for-profit group have been 'named and shamed' for 'neglecting' to pay the national minimum wage.

But employers say they were either 'genuine mistakes' or disputed payments to absentee workers. As a result of how she was treated, one hairdresser in Walsall says she has been put off taking on any more apprentices.

by Daniel Wainwright

Kelly Lockley, who runs Diva Hair Design in High Street, Pelsall, broke down in tears after she said HM Revenue and Customs and the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, 'treated her like a criminal'.

ABC Early Learning and Childcare Centre, a day nursery based on Wolverhampton Business Park, was said to have neglected to pay £5,329.25 to 68 workers.

The 36-year-old salon boss was named for having not paid £4,103.65 to a worker while West Bromwich-based Learnplay Foundation was named for failing to pay £224.73. She said: "I had a trainee through a college. No-one had told me that after 12 months her wage had to go up."

"It wasn't working out and she left. I paid her as soon as it came to light that she should have been on more. This is the only time in 15 years that something like this has happened. It's putting me off taking another trainee on."

Mrs Lockley said her full time hairdressers all earn well above the national minimum of £6.50 an hour for an adult aged over 21 or £5.13 for an 18 to 20-year-old.

Emma Catton, director of ABC Early Learning and Childcare Centre said: "We pay the National Minimum Wage and above. Following receipt of bad advice from our advisers an error was made. We are extremely sorry."

Learnplay Foundation, a not for profit digital media company, was on the list for having 'neglected to pay £224.73 to a worker'.

Worried traders hit out at one-way street move

A BUSY road could be turned into a one-way system, prompting anger from traders who fear it will kill off trade.

Walsall Council is looking to change the road system in Caldmore Road which is a main route towards the town centre.

Shopkeepers on the road have now launched a petition against the plans between Vicarage Place and Caldmore Green and are planning to call a public meeting.

St Matthews councillor Mohammed Arif is helping to lead the opposition to the proposals. The former cabinet member said: "Highways officers have tried make Caldmore Road a one-way street but I and other colleagues had objected.

After consultations, additional interspersed double-yellow lines were agreed between Mount Street and Brace Street on the shops side to reduce on-street parking and help traffic flow. "We recognised that vehicles are sometimes having to mount the footpath but many roads like Caldmore Road were not designed to carry so much traffic. Enforcement of current parking restrictions is what is required."

Suki Hargun, speaking for traders, added: "We know bus operators are complaining about congestion but a one-way system will harm businesses. The majority of the small businesses are already fighting hard to survive in the current climate and this one-way proposals will kill-off local and passing trade.

"We urge the highway cabinet member to sit down with us and discuss a way forward as one-way is not acceptable." There are also concerns the implementation of a one-way system will clog-up an already congested Corporation Street for worshippers going to a



Airing their feelings, front left, trader Suki Hargun with Councillor Mohammed Arif temple or mosque. It comes after the council is looking to allocate £180,000 funding across both Birmingham Road and Caldmore Road. Transport chief Councillor Lee Jeavons said: "Cabinet approved a change to the 2014/15 capital programme to permit a formal consultation on traffic management changes.

"This formal consultation will start in February and will involve residents, businesses, bus operators and commuters. This is only a proposal at the present time."

Years ago proposals were put forward to purchase garden fronts from Caldmore Accord between Hope Street and St Michael Street to create customer parking bays. It would also make the other side all double yellow lined from Mount Street and Brace Street.

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TLC Lottery representative Sue Cox, of Solihull, and dance partner Acorns marketing manager Richard Brown

BUDDING Darcey Bussells and Fred Astaires are being urged to take to the dancefloor to help raise much needed funds for charity. Acorns Children's Hospice is putting on its first Keep Dancing for Acorns extravaganza in March.

The event - modelled on Strictly Come Dancing - is a new event organised by the Walsall-based charity and it is hoped it will raise £20,000. It is being hosted by BBC Midlands Today presenter Joanne Malin and judging panel consists of former Apprentice contestant Jemma Bird from Walsall, who is also a classically trained dancer.

It is taking place at the University of Birmingham's Great Hall in front of an audience of family, friends and supporters of the charity. Competitors will be offered two free dance lessons from a qualified teacher to perfect their moves prior to the competition on March 28. Dancers need to be over the age of 14 and can take part in pairs or groups and will be required to raise a minimum of £250 and sell 10 tickets. Tickets are £15 for adults and £10 for under-16s.

Fight goes on to save libraries in firing line

THE fight to save two libraries in Walsall will continue after a plea to safeguard their future was thwarted.

Thousands of people have signed petitions to ensure Streety and Pheasey facilities are retained after being identified to shut under cost-cutting measures. A motion asking chiefs to keep them open and find savings from elsewhere was rejected by the Labour-run authority.

It is part of the council's consultation process.

There are eight libraries across the borough which are under threat of closure in the next years in a bid to save more than £500,000. Final plans will go before the council next month.

Pheasey councillor Mike Bird, leader of the opposition Conservatives vowed: "The fight doesn't end here" after the motion was defeated by 30 votes to 26 at last week's full council meeting.

More than 3,000 people have signed petitions to keep Streety open and more than 1,500 in Pheasey, which forced the matter to be debated by councillors in the Chamber.

Councillor Bird spoke in support of both libraries. He said Streety was used by people looking to use computers to seek employment and there could be an

by Craig Hughes

impact on nearby traders with reduced amount of customers.

He added that Pheasey was on the periphery of the borough and people would have to travel further afield for an alternative.

Streety councillor Gary Clarke said the facility provides services for adults and children in the area.

"There are people who are passionate about saving Streety library," he said. "They realise how important the library is to the education of people in Streety."

Pheasey councillor Chris Towe said it would be a "tragedy" for his ward and called for both library services to be kept.

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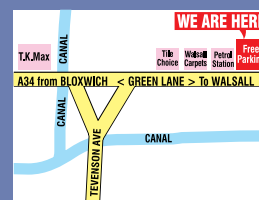
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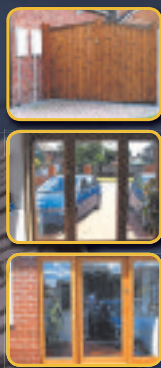


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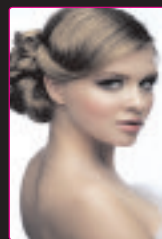


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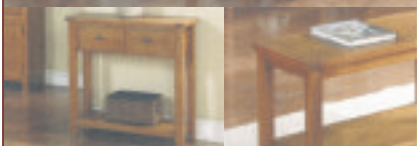
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Alan Yates, from the Accord Group, left, and Galliford Try Partnerships Development Manager Tony Bunney

THE first of 67 new homes being built in Darlaston have been handed over to a housing group.

Alan Yates, executive director of regeneration at the Accord Group, was on hand to receive a ceremonial key from Partnerships central development manager, Tony Bunney, for the first 11 homes to be handed over as part of the scheme in Bright Street.

Work is due to be completed on the rest of the homes by next month. They will be available for affordable rent. There will be 12 new two-bedroom apartments, alongside a mix of two, three and four-bedroom family homes.

Mr Bunney said: "It's a great moment in any project to be able to handover completed homes that are much-needed for local families.

"As a business we continue to go from strength to strength in the Black Country and wider West Midlands and we look forward to working with the Accord Group and our other partners to continue increasing the amount of affordable housing available to local people."

Club faces £30k bill to improve its ground

WORK to revamp Darlaston Town Football Club's old dilapidated home will cost around £30,000, bosses have revealed.

The club has taken over the running of Bentley Leisure Pavilion. Renamed Darlaston Town (1874) FC, the resurrected team won a six-month licence from Walsall Council to manage and run the Bentley sports and social club venue until June 30.

The team currently shares a ground in Bentley Road South with Red Star Alma FC, but hopes to return to its original City Ground home in the future.

The City Ground, in Waverley Road, Darlaston, had been Darlaston's home until the club folded in 2013.

Club chairman Neil Chambers said: "The council recently gave us access to assess the state of The City Ground. The external fencing and stand has been in a state of disrepair for many years but it is now in a very sorry state.

"The clubhouse has been vandalised and will need significant refurbishment and modernisation as will the dressing rooms.

The playing surface has not been maintained.

"Preliminary estimates suggest it will cost approx £30,000 just to get the ground and club house into

by Deborah Hardiman

reasonable condition. However, our options are limited and so we have informed the council that we wish to keep a return to The City Ground open as a possible option and we have not ruled out hiring a private ground again next season."

The 141-year-old club folded in 2013 and reformed this season after fans and businesses came to its rescue to raise £5,000 to resume playing in the West Midlands Regional League.

"A move to the Pavilion will be a significant step in helping the club to achieve its five-year plan," said Mr Chambers.

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Traders give entrance design the thumbs-up

TRADERS have welcomed designs for a new glass entrance at Walsall's Old Square Shopping Centre as part of a multi-million pound revamp.

Owners Threadneedle have unveiled the proposals that are part of an ongoing redevelopment of the site including construction of a new Primark branch and a Mid-Counties Co-operative supermarket.

The property company has now lodged plans for phase two of the £21 million regeneration scheme which will see seven shops extended and re-designed to create five large units facing the old market hall in High Street.

Among the sites earmarked for extension work is the NHS walk-in centre that is moving to the Saddlers Centre later this year.

Some units including The Sweet Shop, also in High Street, will be given a new clad exterior.

The Sweet Shop's proprietor Mark Smith said he relies heavily on social media networking to attract custom.

"This work needs to be done because the Old Square itself has a 1960s design," he said. "Customers need a reason to come up to this side of the town centre."

"The reason I've survived is because I offer unique goods and because of Asda being close by."

"If something isn't done to the centre then this part of the town will die. Across town, The Waterfront is vibrant and doing well."

"But Walsall has been hit by the recession. A huge proportion of people in the area are employed in the public sector which has been hit by funding cuts. There is a knock-on effect for jobs and businesses."

"It's very hard to make a living in Walsall these days."

"The night markets that ran here



Design for the glass front of Old Square Shopping Centre in Walsall

last year were very good for trade and the Old Square also did a good job with its craft market over Christmas which brought in a lot of people. It all helps."

Planners have not yet made any decision on the latest submitted plans.

Threadneedle spokesperson Ella Tekdag said: "This initiative builds upon the impending completion of the new Primark Store. It will further improve the retail pitch at the front of Old Square and provide modern shop units to attract new retail business to this part of the town."

A report by the company's planning consultant Indigo states: "The proposal will not significantly alter the use or function of the existing centre, and will add only approximately 1,000m2 of new floor space by extending the existing units."

"The design response is modest and will have no adverse impact on any heritage assets. The development will modernise the ageing centre and generally improve existing amenity the Old Square Shopping centre and surrounding area."

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The campaign forbids organised car cruising

Injunction putting the brake on car cruising

CAR cruising will be banned across the Black Country after a ground-breaking High Court injunction was secured by Wolverhampton, Dudley, Sandwell and Walsall councils.

The injunction forbids people from participating in or promoting, organising or publicising a "car cruise" anywhere within the Black Country.

Car cruising – the act of drivers meeting on the public highway on either an organised or impromptu basis to race or show off in their cars – is noisy, dangerous and illegal.

Regular gatherings take place at a number of "hotspots" around the Black Country, where up to 250 vehicles and spectators turn local roads into a race track.

They include the Black Country Route and Birmingham New Road in Wolverhampton, Flood Street in Dudley, Bean Road Industrial Estate, Tipton, Hallens Drive, Wednesbury and Brickyard Road, Walsall, as well as public and retail car parks across the Black Country.

Local councils and the police have received hundreds of complaints about car cruising over the last few years,

ranging from vehicles and spectators obstructing highways or residential or business properties, to dangerous driving, excessive noise, littering, verbal abuse and intimidation. There have also been a number of collisions involving vehicles taking part in car cruises.

Wolverhampton, Dudley, Sandwell and Walsall councils, working in partnership with West Midlands Police, secured the injunction from the High Court in Birmingham last month. Anyone suspected of breaching it will be at risk of being in contempt of court, for which an adult can face up to two years in prison and a fine.

Anti-social

Speaking on behalf of the partners, Councillor Elias Mattu, Wolverhampton City Council's cabinet member for leisure and communities, said: "Car cruising has been a bone of contention for residents and businesses for many years.

"The activities are not only wholly anti-social, but also illegal and dangerous, putting the safety of participants and spectators at risk. It's only a matter of time until someone is seriously injured or even killed.

"I am confident this ground-breaking injunction will have a positive impact on the lives of law-abiding people in Wolverhampton, Dudley, Sandwell and Walsall."

Chief Inspector Kerry Blakeman, head of West Midlands Police's Traffic unit, said: "This Black Country-wide injunction will form the backbone of our on-going measures to target people using the road as a racetrack while ensuring the safety of others.

"As well as the obvious dangers of driving at speed on urban roads, car cruising generates a lot of late-night noise nuisance for people living near key routes.

Law abiding drivers can also feel intimidated when they inadvertently find themselves in the middle of a gathering."

Councillor Mattu added: "It should be stressed that we are not seeking to prevent legitimate car enthusiasts from enjoying their hobby.

"What we want to do is put a stop to the menace of car cruising, which is making life a misery for so many people across the Black Country."

● **Anyone who witnesses a car cruise on the public highway or public place is asked to call police on 101.**

Court action

1) It is forbidden for anyone to participate in "car cruising" (as defined in the schedule below) anywhere within the Claimants' combined geographical area known locally as the Black Country Area.

2) It is also forbidden for anyone to promote, organise, or publicise via e-mail, the internet or any publication or broadcast, any "car cruising" within the defined geographical area.

3) A power of arrest pursuant to section 27 Police and Criminal Justice Act 2006 shall apply to clause 1 above.

4) The order and power of arrest shall continue for 3 years following the commencement of this order or until it is varied or discharged by the court. This order shall come into effect at midnight on 2 February 2015 provided that the Claimants have completed certain steps. It shall, subject to further order, expire at midnight 1 February 2018.

5) Personal service of this injunction is dispensed with pursuant to rule 81.8 of the Civil Procedure Rules.

Schedule

1) "Car Cruising" means two or more motor vehicles (including motorbikes) between the hours of 3pm and 7am being on a highway or in a publicly accessible place within the Black Country Area at which any such vehicle or occupant of a vehicle performs any of the prohibited activities listed in clause 3 below which causes, or is capable of causing, any of the prohibited consequences set out in clause 4 below.

2) "Participating in car cruising" means being the driver of, or being carried in (or on), a motor vehicle (including motorbikes) in circumstances in which paragraph 1 above applies.

3) The prohibited activities referred to in clause 1 above are: speeding; driving in convoy; racing; performing stunts; sounding horns/playing music as to cause a significant public nuisance; using foul or abusive language; using threatening, intimidating behaviour towards another person; and causing obstruction on a public highway, whether moving or stationary.

4) The prohibited consequences referred to in clause 1 above are: excessive noise; danger or risk of injury to road users (including pedestrians); damage or significant risk of damage to property; significant risk of harm; significant public nuisance; and significant annoyance to the public.

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Twente invests £500k in fleet for EU haulage



Twente Express, in Brownhills, has invested in its service to Belgium and Holland after a highly successful 2014

Haulage firm Twente Express based in Brownhills has invested £500,000 in double deck mega trailers and low ride tractor units.

It follows a most successful 2014, when sales revenues were an impressive 21 per cent up on the previous year. The new lorries will be operated on their daily express freight services to and from Holland and Belgium.

Managing Director Trevor Paul said: "Our success in the export market is mainly due to our premium 24-

hour express groupage and this latest investment demonstrates our confidence in a further upturn in both our export and import revenues during 2015 - especially from our Midland based customers from the manufacturing sector."

Security is always a priority when transporting goods and for this reason solid box trailers have been chosen as opposed to curtain sides and all trailers have been fitted with the latest GPS tracking systems.

Twente's new mega trailer fleet will also enable them to safely double stack palletised freight and accordingly, more consignments will be carried on each overseas journey - resulting in a more commercial and competitive approach when calculating a new pricing structure for 2015.

Sales Director Rod Hemphill said: "In an effort to reduce our costs we could have opted to use cheaper East European hauliers to move our customer's consignments, but that would

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INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

Firm is in business for Hall of a transformation

A WALSALL staging company has been called in to transform one of the region's premier concert venues, enabling it to turn into a conference hall to win more business.

Birmingham's Symphony Hall has hosted such musical stars as Bruce Springsteen, Paloma Faith and Sir Simon Rattle but Walsall-based Staging Services has adapted it to become a new space for the international conference, corporate and events market.

Event organisers from across the UK have been visiting the hall over recent days to take a look at the transformation, and Staging Services marketing manager Richard Langford said their work had proved a big hit.

He said: "Staging Services has been providing live event organisers with staging and bespoke stage sets for more than 25 years. This is a really exciting time for us. We're used to giving performances a lift but in the new partnership with Symphony Hall Birmingham we will literally be lifting the venue."

Floating

He added: "We have created a blueprint, but it can be adapted to the needs of any event or organisation that wants to use the hall."

The company's work allows the concert venue to be transformed by covering the stalls seating with custom-built tiered staging. Staging Services design work uses more than 300 stage decks to create a floating tiered floor providing a 600sqm floor area with a banking capacity of 620 people.

A balustrade system using the latest LED technology has been developed especially for the project and will be used to bring cabaret style events and conferences to life.

Dubbed Symphony Hall: The Next Stage, the project has already attracted a booking with the Asset Based Finance Association holding its annual



The spectacular Birmingham Symphony Hall, in its more familiar setting



The cabaret-style seating.

conference at the hall on June 5.

Anita Bhalla, chairman of Performances Birmingham, the charity that manages Birmingham's Town Hall and Symphony Hall, said: "The Next Stage marks a hugely significant step in Symphony Hall's history, opening up the hall in response to demand."

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The Symphony Hall already has a track record of winning conference and other events, providing a stage or the Conservative Party Conference while other clients have included the Open University, Chartered Institute of Payroll Professionals and Peter Jones Academy.



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CHOICE



Alfred Hitchcock

Holocaust: Night Will Fall (Channel 4, 9pm)
With Holocaust Memorial Day taking place on January 27, 2015, this timely documentary reflects on the time Allied forces liberated the Nazi concentration camps in 1944-45. Their shocking discoveries revealed the full horror of what had happened for the first time. With the aid of British, American and Soviet footage, the Ministry of Information's Sidney Bernstein aimed to create a documentary that would provide undeniable, lasting evidence of the Nazis' horrific crimes. However, before it could be completed, and despite initial support from the British and US Governments, the film was mothballed; it was deemed too sensitive for the changing political climate. Now, seven decades on, and with help from the Imperial War Museums, Bernstein's film has been restored and completed.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** James Martin: Home Comforts. **12.00** BBC News: Weather. **12.10** Football Focus. **1.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **3.00** Escape to the Continent. (R) **4.00** Final Score. **5.20** Pointless Celebrities. (R) **6.10** BBC News: Regional News; Weather. **6.30** **Now You See It.** The best and worst of the magic world, featuring a man who disguises himself as an armchair and strange happenings in a chip shop, as well as a few tricks going wrong. **7.00** **The Voice UK.** Emma Willis and Marvin Humes join the hopefuls backstage for the third round of blind auditions. As usual, coaches Tom Jones, William, Ricky Wilson and Rita Ora decide whether they want the acts based purely on their singing voices, spinning in their chairs to show their interest. Tonight's theme is the coaches with a verse of two of Agadoo remains to be seen. **8.25** **The National Lottery: Win Your Wish List.** Shane Richie hosts the game show in which two contestants answer questions to try to win each other's dream prizes. Including the lottery draws, presented by Gabby Roslin. **9.15** **Casualty.** Rita gets a shock when her ex-husband turns up at the hospital. Connie's daughter Grace goes missing, while Lofly deals with a patient who thinks her child is being abused. **10.05** BBC News: Weather. **10.25** **Match of the Day: FA Cup Highlights.** Gabby Logan presents highlights of the fourth-round matches, including Birmingham City v West Bromwich Albion at St Andrew's and Chelsea v Bradford City at Stamford Bridge; National Lottery Update. **11.55** **The Football League Show.** Manish Bhasin presents highlights and all the goals from the latest fixtures. **12.55** Film: Primeval. (2007) **2.25** Weather for the Week Ahead. **2.30** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 Film: San Demetrio, London. (1943) **7.35** Film: Angels One Five. (1953) **9.10** Fred Dibnah's Age of Steam. (R) **9.40** Fred Dibnah's Age of Steam. (R) **10.10** British Isles: A Natural History. (R) **11.00** FA Cup Rewind: Fourth-Round Classics. **12.00** James Martin: Home Comforts. (R) **12.30** The Churchill Obituary. **1.30** Great Britons. (R) **2.30** Live International Bowls. The World Indoor Championships. **4.30** Somerset: After the Floods. (R) **5.30** Flog It! **6.30** Porridge. (R) **7.00** **The Two Ronnies Sketchbook.** Ronnie Corbett and Ronnie Barker present another selection of favourite monologues, musical numbers and sketches, including the classic Fork Handles. Last in the series. (R) **7.30** **Ronnie Barker: The Many Faces Of.** The story of a quiet, dedicated man who might have been a bank manager, but went on to become one of the nation's most popular comedy stars. Ben Elton, Michael Grade, David Renwick and Josephine Tewson are among friends and colleagues who remember his partnership with Ronnie Corbett in sketch show The Two Ronnies, as skintight grocer Arkwright in Open All Hours and crafty prisoner Fletch in Porridge. There is also a look at his prolific writing career and his work as an actor in serious roles. (R) **8.30** **The Two Ronnies: The Studio Recordings.** A collection of unedited takes from the classic comedy show, featuring both famous and more obscure sketches from programmes recorded in 1979 and 1980. (R) **9.00** **Holbein: Eye of the Tudors - A Culture Show Special.** Waldemar Januszczak looks at the life and career of Henry VIII's court artist Hans Holbein, exploring where he came from and examining the unsettling secrets hidden in his work. **10.00** Film: **The Artist.** (2011) A 1920s movie actor gives an actress her big break, but his career suffers with the advent of sound. Oscar-winning silent drama, starring Jean Dujardin and Bérénice Bejo. **11.35** **International Bowls.** The World Indoor Championships. Highlights of the Open Singles semi-finals. **12.35** Film: Thirteen Days. (2000) **2.50** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Bottom Knockers Street. **6.10** Bottom Knockers Street. (R) **6.20** Bottom Knockers Street. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan. (R) **7.00** Animals. (R) **7.10** Sooty. (R) **7.25** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: Nerds & Monsters. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Adventure Time. **8.30** Scrambled!: Horrid Henry. (R) **8.50** Scrambled!: Hulk and the Agents of Smash. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **10.20** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **11.20** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **12.25** ITV News: Weather. **12.35** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **1.35** The Undrivableables. (R) **2.05** Who's Doing the Dishes? (R) **3.05** Doc Martin. (R) **4.05** Big Star's Little Star. (R) **5.05** Regional Programme: Weather. **5.15** ITV News: Weather. **5.30** You've Been Framed! Top 100 Senior Moments. (R) **6.30** **Planet's Got Talent.** Highlights from the global Got Talent franchise, including a Michael Jackson-themed diabolo juggler, a farmyard animal impressionist and a moped stuntwoman. **7.00** **Harry Hill's Stars in Their Eyes.** A sales assistant, a senior manager of a tanning salon chain, a children's singing tutor, a mother and a student impersonate famous singers as they vie for a place in the final. **8.05** **Take Me Out.** Sales consultant Lewis from Glasgow, strongman Archie from Wiltshire, toy designer Adam from Cornwall and model Scott from London vie for the attentions of 30 single women, intent on capturing their interest and securing a date. However, first they must get the female participants to keep their lights on as a sign of approval. Host Paddy McGuinness monitors their progress and reviews the dating action from last week's couples on the Isle of Fernandos. **9.20** **The Jonathan Ross Show.** New series. The host is joined by Take That, Kingsman: The Secret Service stars Colin Firth and Taron Egerton, actress Caroline Quentin and comedienne Katherine Ryan. **10.20** ITV News: Weather. **10.30** Film: **Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason.** (2004) Comedy sequel, starring Renee Zellweger, Colin Firth and Hugh Grant. **12.30** Jackpot247. **3.00** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **3.40** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 How I Met Your Mother. (R) **6.35** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **7.00** Snowdon Race 2014. **7.55** The Morning Line. **9.00** The King of Queens. (R) **9.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **10.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **10.30** Frasier. (R) **11.00** Frasier. (R) **11.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.25** Speed with Guy Martin. (R) **1.30** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Cheltenham and Doncaster. **4.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.00** The Simpsons. (R) **5.30** The Simpsons. (R) **6.00** Channel 4 News. **6.30** **The Restoration Man.** A London couple have a dramatic vision for a wartime aerial control tower in the Highlands, but find the restoration of the 700 window panes swallows 40 per cent of their budget. (R) **7.30** **Guy Martin's Spitfire.** In May 1940, a Mark I Spitfire was shot down and crash-landed on a beach in northern France, where it slowly sank into the sand. The wreckage was finally recovered in the 1990s and stored in France for more than 20 years. Guy Martin joins a two-year project to rebuild the aeroplane, revealing the engineering and skills involved, and providing a fitting homage to the bravery of everyone involved in its service. (R) **9.00** Film: **Holocaust: Night Will Fall.** (2014) Premiere. In 1945, the Ministry of Information's Sidney Bernstein was commissioned to make a documentary that would provide undeniable evidence of the Nazis' crimes. He assembled a team of film-makers including Alfred Hitchcock to record the true horror of the concentration camps, but despite initial government support, the project was deemed too politically sensitive and never broadcast. Now, 70 years later, Bernstein's film has been restored and completed by the Imperial War Museum, and this programme tells the story of its creation. Narrated by Helena Bonham Carter. **10.20** Film: **Unstoppable.** (2010) Tony Scott's action thriller, with Denzel Washington and Chris Pine. **12.10** Film: **The Departed.** (2006) **2.45** Hollyoaks. (R) **5.00** SuperScrimpers: Winter Survival Tips. (R) **5.55** NFL: Rush Zone.

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.35** Access. **10.40** Ice Road Truckers. (R) **11.35** Ice Road Truckers. (R) **12.30** Ice Road Truckers. (R) **1.25** Film: **Columbo: Death Hits the Jackpot.** (1991) Detective drama, with Peter Falk and Rip Torn. **3.25** Film: **Columbo: Murder Under Glass.** (1978) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. **5.00** Film: **Columbo: A Matter of Honour.** (1976) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. **6.25** **Elvis by the Presleys.** Tribute to Elvis Presley, featuring candid interviews with his ex-wife Priscilla and their daughter Lisa Marie, plus private photographs and home movies from the Presley archives, along with vintage performance material. The Presleys also offer personal insights into various aspects of Elvis's life, including his tours, time in Hollywood and personal relationships. (R) **8.05** **Elvis - The 1968 Comeback Special.** The singer's classic TV special, which saw him make a return to live performance after more than eight years away, with the show featuring an array of musical set-pieces, including a jam session with his old backing band and a mini-musical. Songs include Heartbreak Hotel, Hound Dog, All Shook Up, Jailhouse Rock, Don't Be Cruel, Love Me Tender, Trouble, Can't Help Falling in Love and Gospel Medley. (R) **9.05** **5 News Weekend.** **9.15** **Celebrity Big Brother.** Catching up with the celebrities as they react to Friday night's eviction, revealing how the departure has affected the remaining contestants - and whether the outcome of the public vote has anyone else fearing for their place in the competition. **10.15** **CSI: Crime Scene Investigation.** New series. Julie discovers a bomb has been planted in her car, while DB gets a phone call demanding he confess to arresting the wrong man in a serial killer case. **11.15** **Law & Order.** New series. Cyrus Lupo returns to New York after four years abroad, and he and Green investigate two suicides that seem to be linked. **12.10** **SuperCasino.** **3.10** Celebrity Big Brother. (R) **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **5.15** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Great Movie Mistakes **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Film: Eagle Eye (2008) **10.50** Family Guy **1.55** Crims **2.25** Uncle **BBC Four**
7.00 Serengeti: Unnatural Histories **8.00** Bright Lights, Brilliant Minds: A Tale of Three Cities **9.00** Spiral **10.55** Only Yesterday: The Carpenters' Story **11.55** Duets at the BBC **12.55** Top of the Pops: 1980 **1.30** Sounds of the 70s **2.40** House Glam - Get in the Swing **2.00** Bright Lights, Brilliant Minds: A Tale of Three Cities **3.00** Only Yesterday: The Carpenters' Story **4.00** Close **ITV2**
11.15 The Cube: Celebrity Special **12.15** Film: **Homeward Bound: The Incredible Journey** (1993) **2.00** Funniest Ever You've Been Framed! **3.00** You've Been Framed! **4.35** Film: Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang (2010) **6.50** Film: Ocean's Thirteen (2007) **9.20** Take Me Out - The Gossip **10.05** Film: I Am Legend (2007) **12.00** Film: Couples Retreat (2009) **2.10** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.35** Pixie Lott: The Hot Desk **2.45** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen **ITV3**
1.55 Wycliffe **3.05** Film: Carry On Loving (1970) **4.55** Agatha Christie's Marple **7.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Foyle's War **10.00** Lewis **12.05** Wycliffe **1.10** Bomb Girls **1.55** ITV3 Nightscreen **ITV4**
1.35 Africa Cup of Nations Highlights **2.35** Film: **Battle of the Bulge** (1965) **5.50** Storage Wars **8.45** Storage Wars: Texas **7.45** Film: Driven (2001) **11.00** Film: **8 Mile** (2002) **1.15** Film: **South Park: Bigger, Longer & Uncut** (1999) **2.35** Nitro Circus **3.00** Teleshopping **E4**
11.35 New Girl **12.30** Melissa & Joey **1.30** How I Met Your Mother **2.30** The Big Bang Theory **3.30** Bad(ish) Robots **4.30** Rudel(ish) Tube **5.30** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** The 100 **9.00** Film: **Hot Tub Time Machine** (2010) **11.00** The Inbetweeners **12.10** How I Met Your Mother **1.10** Don't Trust the B**** in Apartment 23 **2.10** The Cleveland Show **3.15** One Tree Hill **4.00** Desperate Housewives **4.40** The Tomorrow People **Film4**
11.00 Destination Gobi (1953) **1.00** The Three Musketeers (1993) **3.05** Carry On Up the Khyber (1968) **4.50** Only You (1994) **7.00** America's Sweethearts (2001) **9.00** Hitch (2005) **10.50** In Fear (2013) **12.30** Scary Movie (2000) **2.10** Basket Case 3 (1992) **3.55** Close



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CHOICE



Zoë Wanamaker

Mr Selfridge (ITV, 9pm)
For newcomers, this returning drama is inspired by the life of charismatic American entrepreneur, Harry Gordon Selfridge and series three picks up in 1919, just after the end of the First World War. There's no shortage of familiar faces joining the cast, including Zoë Wanamaker (My Family) as Russian Princess Marie de Bolotoff; Rosalie Selfridge is played by Kara Tointon (EastEnders) and Kara's sister, Hannah, plays her rebellious sibling, Violette. In the first of the new run, the shadow of war is brightened by a wedding as Harry's eldest daughter, Rosalie, ties the knot with Princess Marie's handsome son Serge (Leon Ockenden).

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.30** Match of the Day: FA Cup Highlights. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Sunday Politics. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Match of the Day Live. Bristol City v West Ham United (Kick-off 2.00pm). **4.05** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.35** Songs of Praise. **5.10** Nature's Boldest Thieves. **6.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **6.30** Countryfile. The team is in the Highlands of Scotland, following in the footsteps of Robert Burns. John Craven is at the Falls of Foyers on the banks of Loch Ness, finding out about the poet's Highland tour and how the area is such a stronghold for the elusive red squirrel. He also visits Killiecrankie, where he meets a fiddle player inspired by a contemporary of Burns. Ellie Harrison speaks to photographers and poets who take inspiration from the landscape, and heads into the Cairngorms, where she learns to drive a pony and carriage. Plus, Tom Heap investigates the problem of food poisoning from chickens. **7.30** Still Open All Hours. A few mysterious goings-on in the shop convince Granville the place is haunted by Arkwright, and a surprise visitor from the past gets the entire street talking. Last in the series. **8.00** Call the Midwife. Barbara treats a first-time mother, but the birth doesn't go according to plan. Sister Julianne worries about Nonnatus House's financial problems, and a new nurse arrives. **9.00** Last Tango in Halifax. Caroline receives a worrying phone call to say the police have baby Flora and her nanny Holly is in the cells. Gillian is angry when Gary offers to pay for her wedding. **10.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **10.30** Match of the Day: FA Cup Highlights. Mark Chapman presents action from the latest fourth-round matches. **11.30** The Apprentice USA. Surviving candidates Meat Loaf, Marlee Matlin, Dionne Warwick and others are tasked with creating an advert for a new videophone. **12.55** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.00** BBC News.

BBC2

6.15 Great British Garden Revival. (R) **7.15** Glorious Gardens from Above. (R) **8.00** Countryfile. (R) **9.00** The Football League Show. (R) **10.00** FA Cup Rewind: Fourth-Round Classics. **11.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **12.30** James Martin's Food Map of Britain. (R) **12.45** Film: The Long and the Short and the Tall. (1960) Second World War drama, starring Laurence Harvey. **2.30** Live International Bowls. The World Indoor Championships. **5.15** Ski Sunday. **6.00** Film: Real Steel. (2011) Premiere. In the future, boxing matches between eight-foot robots are one of the world's biggest sporting draws. A washed-up human prizefighter finds an abandoned android and sets about restoring it to become a potential champion, a project that reunites him with his estranged 11-year-old son. Sci-fi drama, starring Hugh Jackman, Dakota Goyo and Evangeline Lilly. Edited for daytime broadcast. **8.00** Top Gear. New series. Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May are in Russia as the motoring magazine returns, taking part in a race across the urban landscape of St Petersburg. James defends the honour of the car in a very small Renault, Richard tries to prove that pedalling is faster by riding a bicycle, while Jeremy attempts to demonstrate that water is the quickest way across town by plotting a hovercraft. To make matters more complicated, all three presenters are racing not only one another but also the Stig, who is making his way toward the finish line by public transport. Plus, the new Lamborghini Huracan is put through its paces and a celebrity takes to the test track for Star in a Reasonably Priced Car. **9.00** Dragons' Den. The business ideas contest returns after a mid-series break, with Kelly Hoppen, Piers Linney, Peter Jones, Deborah Mearns and Duncan Bannatyne evaluating more pitches. **10.00** Film: Shadow Dancer. (2012) Premiere. Thriller, starring Andrea Riseborough, Clive Owen and Gillian Anderson. **11.35** Billionaire's Paradise: Inside Necker Island. (R) **12.35** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **1.30** Holby City. (R) **2.30** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Bottom Knockers Street. **6.10** Bottom Knockers Street. (R) **6.20** Bottom Knockers Street. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan. (R) **7.00** Animals. (R) **7.10** Sooty. (R) **7.25** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: Nerds & Monsters. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Ultimate Spider-Man. **8.30** Scrambled!: Horrid Henry. (R) **8.50** Scrambled!: Deadtime Stories. (R) **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **11.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **12.35** ITV News; Weather. **12.40** Harry Hill's Stars in Their Eyes. (R) **1.35** Catchphrase. (R) **2.20** Midsomer Murders. (R) **4.15** Film: The Man with the Golden Gun. (1974) **6.35** Regional Programme; Weather. **6.45** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Get Your Act Together. Actor Nigel Havers, 1980s pop star Sinitta, TV presenter Gabby Roslin, comedian Rufus Hound and rapper Chip are paired with leading variety acts to compete for a place in the final. **8.15** All Star Family Fortunes. New series. Hairy Biker Dave Myers and Coronation Street's Jack P Shepherd team up with their families in an attempt to win a jackpot of £30,000 for charity. Vernon Kay hosts. **9.00** Mr Selfridge. New series. Harry is grief-stricken as the family gathers for Rose's funeral, but nine months later and the Selfridges are in high spirits at Rosalie's wedding to a Russian aviator. **10.00** ITV News; Weather. **10.20** Churchill: 100 Days That Saved Britain. Drama-documentary drawing on letters, diaries and the testimony of Winston Churchill's personal physician to depict his triumphant first three months as prime minister in 1940. **11.20** The Undriveables. A woman who hates going above 30mph tries to get up to speed, while a man with spatial awareness issues struggles to get a feel of the width of his car. (R) **11.50** The Chase. Bradley Walsh presents as four contestants answer general knowledge questions and work as a team to take on ruthless quiz genius the Chaser and secure a cash prize. (R) **12.45** The Store. **2.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **3.10** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.20 How I Met Your Mother. (R) **6.45** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **7.10** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast. (R) **1.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.25** The Simpsons. (R) **2.55** The Simpsons. (R) **3.30** Film: Maid in Manhattan. (2002) Romantic comedy, with Jennifer Lopez. **5.35** Channel 4 News. **6.00** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. Mike and Louan McGrane have long dreamt of moving to the Caribbean and have chosen the idyllic Cayman Islands as the perfect place for a relocation in five years' time. With a budget of £250,000, Jonnie Irwin sets about showing them five properties that fit the bill. **7.00** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. Phil Spencer seeks buyers for two shabby semis in the north of England. Former cabbie Allan wants to move out of his family home of 33 years in Gosforth, Newcastle, while Dawn and Daz are surprised their house in Ripponden, West Yorkshire, is having trouble selling, until the property expert points out their bare walls, dodgy doors, dark decor and rather risqué artworks. **8.00** The Hotel. Mark decides to bring Torquay's Gay Pride to the Cavendish, hoping the event will be highly profitable. But to guarantee a big crowd he needs to book a headlining celebrity. **9.00** Walking the Nile. Reaching his final country, Egypt, Levison's journey takes him through strongholds for the Muslim Brotherhood opposition group, where security must be tightened. Last in the series. **10.00** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown. Team captains Sean Lock and Jon Richardson are joined by Reginald D Hunter and Aisling Bea, while Holly Walsh is in Dictionary Corner with Susie Dent. Jimmy Carr hosts. (R) **11.05** Film: Evil Dead. (2013) Premiere. Horror remake, with Jane Levy. **12.55** The Last Leg. (R) **1.50** Film: Joe Somebody. (2001) **3.30** Kirstie's Best of Both Worlds. (R) **4.25** River Cottage Bites. (R) **4.35** SuperScrimpers. (R) **5.05** SuperScrimpers 2013 Resolutions. (R) **5.30** Face the Clock. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.30** Pip Ahoy! (R) **6.40** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.55** Chloe's Closet. **7.05** Oily the Little White Van. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.35** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.05** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.20** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **8.25** Wanda and the Alien. **8.30** Milkshake! Pop Box. (R) **8.40** Zack and Quack. (R) **8.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.10** Jelly Jamm. (R) **9.30** LazyTown. (R) **10.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.35** Access. (R) **10.50** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **11.45** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **12.45** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **1.40** Film: Dudley Do-Right. (1999) Comedy, starring Brendan Fraser. **3.20** Film: Cheaper By the Dozen 2. (2005) Comedy sequel, starring Steve Martin. **5.05** Film: Zookeeper. (2011) Comedy, starring Kevin James. **7.00** Film: Bulletproof Monk. (2003) A mysterious Tibetan monk is entrusted with protecting an ancient and mystical scroll. As modern-day Nazis seek out the relic in a bid to resurrect the Third Reich, the monk searches for a suitable successor to take over his task – and a pickpocket is the unlikely choice. Martial arts thriller, starring Chow Yun-Fat, Seann William Scott, Jaime King, Victoria Smurfit and Karel Roden. Edited for violence. **8.55** 5 News Weekend. **9.00** Celebrity Big Brother. The ups and downs of life in the BB house as friendships and alliances are made, battle lines are drawn and arguments erupt. **10.00** Film: The Darkest Hour. (2011) Premiere. Two software entrepreneurs on a business trip to Moscow get caught up in an invasion by a race of invisible aliens. Sci-fi horror, with Emile Hirsch and Olivia Thirlby. **11.45** Cats Do the Funniest Things. Compilation of internet videos, including cats playing musical instruments, dressed in costumes and riding on vacuum cleaners. Narrated by Iain Lee, with commentary by Susan Calman. **12.45** Car Crash TV. (R) **1.15** SuperCasino. **3.10** Storage: Flog the Lot! (R) **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **5.15** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Pop's Greatest Dance Crazes **7.30** The Voice UK **9.00** Backchat with Jack Whitehall and His Dad **9.30** Russell Howard's Good News **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** Crims **11.15** Family Guy **12.05** Backchat with Jack Whitehall and His Dad **12.35** Russell Howard's Good News **1.05** Bangkok Airport **2.00** Crims **2.30** Sweat the Small Stuff **3.00** Bangkok Airport **BBC Four**
7.00 Shoah: First Era **11.25** Sound of Song **12.25** Elvis: That's All Right 60 Years On **1.25** The Beatles' Please Please Me – Remaking a Classic **2.20** The Heart of Country: How Nashville Became Music City USA **3.50** Close **ITV2**
11.50 Shoah: First Era **1.00** Take Me Out – The Gossip **1.45** Film: Homebound Bound II: Lost in San Francisco (1996) **3.35** Film: E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial (1982) **5.50** Film: Along Came Polly (2004) **7.35** Film: The Mummy (1999) **10.00** Film: The Hangover (2009) **12.05** Film: The Invention of Lying (2009) **2.00** Life's Funniest Moments **2.25** Teleshopping **5.55** ITV2 Nightscreen **ITV3**
1.50 Film: The Great St Trinian's Train Robbery (1966) **3.45** Rosemary & Thyme **4.45** Inspector Morse **7.00** Lewis **9.00** Les Dawson: An Audience With That Never Was **10.00** Northern Lights **11.05** Lewis **1.05** The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes **2.05** Judge Judy **2.45** Countrywise **3.40** Emmerdale **ITV4**
1.15 Counting Cars **2.10** Pawn Stars **4.30** Africa Cup of Nations Highlights **5.30** Africa Cup of Nations Live **8.30** Pawn Stars **9.00** Film: The Day of the Jackal (1973) **11.55** River Monsters: Untold Stories **1.00** Hell on Wheels **1.55** The Cycle Show **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen **E4**
12.30 Revenge **1.30** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **2.30** The 100 **3.00** Melissa & Joey **4.30** The Big Bang Theory **5.30** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **6.00** Marry Me **6.30** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** Film: A Knight's Tale (2001) **10.35** The Inbetweeners **11.45** Rude Tube **12.50** The Cleveland Show **1.50** Rules of Engagement **2.40** One Tree Hill **3.20** Hollyoaks **Film4**
11.00 Laughter in Paradise (1951) **1.00** Mirror Mirror (2012) **3.05** The Golden Child (1986) **4.55** Holy Man (1998) **7.15** The Simpsons Movie (2007) **8.00** Safe House (2012) **11.15** Aguirre, the Wrath of God (1972) **1.10** Undefeated (2011)

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MONDAY

Mrs Miniver, BBC2, 3.05pm

A British housewife's settled existence is thrown into upheaval by the outbreak of the Second World War, as her husband and eldest son are called up and her small town is devastated by bombing. She spiritedly tries to make the best of things, looking after local children, watching over her youngest son's love life and capturing an enemy airman. Drama based on Jan Struther's book, starring an Oscar-winning Greer Garson, with Walter Pidgeon. (1942)

TUESDAY

The Wooden Horse, BBC2, 3.35pm

British PoWs in a German camp try to escape their captors by taking up gymnastics, and using a vaulting horse to conceal the tunnel they are digging. However, even if they manage to escape the camp, the journey to neutral territory will not be an easy one. Fact-based Second World War drama, starring Leo Genn, David Tomlinson, Anthony Steel and David Greene. (1950)



Shaun of the Dead, Friday, ITV, 10.40pm

WEDNESDAY

he Mexican, BBC1, 12am

A petty crook finds himself in a tricky situation when he tries to smuggle an antique gun from Mexico into America for his Mob boss. Comedy thriller directed by Gore Verbinski, with Brad Pitt, Julia Roberts, James Gandolfini, Gene Hackman and JK Simmons. (2001)

THURSDAY

Return from the River Kwai, BBC2, 3.40pm

An American pilot is shot down over Japanese-occupied Thailand. He joins a unit of guerrillas in the hope of escaping – but they end up battling to rescue a troop of starving Allied PoWs. Second World War drama sequel, starring Chris Penn, Edward Fox, Denholm Elliott, George Takei, Timothy Bottoms and Tatsuya Nakadai. (1988)

FRIDAY

Shaun of the Dead, ITV, 10.40pm

An unambitious 29-year-old man trapped in the job from hell and recently dumped decides to get his life back on track. Unfortunately, he has to put his plans on hold when zombies rise from their graves and stalk the streets of London's suburbs to feast on the living. Comedy horror, starring Simon Pegg, Nick Frost, Kate Ashfield, Dylan Moran, Lucy Davis, Bill Nighy and Penelope Wilton. (2004)

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PICK OF THE WEEK

Dominic and the team are righting the wrongs

Dominic Littlewood is not a man to be messed with. Okay, sometimes his accent is so thick it sounds like he's speaking in a foreign tongue, but when it comes to catching out shifty builders, rogue traders and common tricksters, he certainly knows what he's doing.

It's a sad fact that there are too many instances in this country of folk being ripped off by people using forgery and fraud, although the silver lining is that surely it has to be a considerable amount fewer than 15 years ago – when Dominic first got into the television industry.

In this new series for ITV, Dominic is doing what he does best – confronting bad builders, meeting the people whose lives have been ruined by dodgy contractors, and, with the help of builder Chris Payne and designer Pippa Jameson, fixing up their homes and making them liveable again.

"Bad Builders Bang to Rights is a series where I investigate consumer complaints about 'bad tradesmen'," Dominic explains. "It's not just about builders, it can be anyone involved in the industry, who is relied upon to sort out problems in your home.

"When we start getting complaints about a particular person or company, then I start doing some investigation

If we find they are doing things badly and they are not really showing respect to people, we gather evidence and then we write to them.

We normally write to them on quite a few occasions and ask them to give us their opinion on what's been going on as obviously it's only fair to give them a right to reply and there might be a justifiable reason to why they have done what they've done."

But as confident as Dominic can be, he admits that it can be a nerve-racking situation.

When confronting these dodgy builders, he says: "You never know what's going to happen in that scenario. They could get violent, they could get threatening, they could run, argue, they could ignore you, spit at you, punch you – you never know what's going to happen.

"But for me because I know so much about them I really want to challenge them on behalf of the victims and other members of the public."

In this first programme, Dominic and the team come to the aid of pensioner Betty Hall and her son Trevor, whose house resembles a building site.

Betty was widowed seven years ago, at a similar time when son Trevor was going through a divorce, so they decided to move in together.

They settled on a ramshackle old house in Walberton, West Sussex, and employed a local building firm to help with fixing it up.

However, almost a year after work on their dream home started – after months of delays and having paid substantially more than the contract price – work ground to a halt, forcing Betty and Trevor to sack the builders – but they had to spend another £20,000 simply to make the house liveable. But Dominic finds them living in terrible conditions, with no central heating or a fully functioning kitchen, with incomplete bedrooms and bathrooms.

As Pippa and Chris set about getting neighbours and friends involved in transforming the house in two weeks, can Dominic get answers from the builders responsible?



Bad Builders – Bang to Rights, Tuesday, ITV, 8pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY

Broadcasturch
ITV, 9pm

Last week, Hardy faced a race against time as Ellie discovered a startling new piece of evidence, forcing them to reassess their suspicions. Now, as the acclaimed mystery drama reaches the halfway point, Miller is struggling to control her sister Lucy amid family tensions, Alec must confront his demons, and Mark Latimer has to make a decision. Viewers can expect many more twists and turns as the story builds toward a dramatic conclusion. David Tennant and Olivia Colman star.

Catastrophe
Channel 4, 10pm

First episodes of sitcoms rarely go down well with audiences – Fawlty Towers received an extraordinary amount of criticism when it first aired, and yet is now regarded as a classic. So it's unusual for one to hit the ground running – which is why Sharon Horgan and Rob Delaney deserve plenty of plaudits after last week's great opening edition. It introduced us to the characters they've both created and play who are, funnily enough, called Sharon and Rob. Well, at least they won't get confused. This time around, pregnant Sharon is trying hard to get to grips with the idea of Rob living with her – and her brother Fergal isn't exactly helping the situation.

TUESDAY

Touched by Auschwitz
BBC2, 9pm

Feature-length documentary marking the 70th anniversary of the liberation of the concentration camp by Red Army troops. Laurence Rees travels to Jerusalem, Chicago, London, Bavaria, Krakow and Tel Aviv to talk to six survivors, along with their friends and families, who discuss the problems, challenges and triumphs they have experienced since the end of the Second World War. Among those interviewed are Tadeusz, who became a doctor but still had to fight persecution by communists in Poland, and Hermann, who went on to become a successful antiques dealer in Bavaria, but still suffers from recurring nightmares.

Paul O'Grady's Animal Orphans
ITV, 9pm

The comedian and animal lover continues on his mission to help hand-rear animals orphaned in the wild across South Africa, Namibia and Zambia, and this week he gets a welcome blast from the past. Viewers may recall last year's first series, which saw Paul help adorable elephant calf Kkala. Well, during tonight's instalment of his latest trip, he's reunited with his old friend.

WEDNESDAY

Midsomer Murders
ITV, 8pm

New series. Return of the long-running mystery drama, starring Neil Dudgeon and Gwilym Lee. At the Luxton Deeping Crime Festival, the unveiling of a newly discovered novel by deceased Midsomer crime writer George Summersbee is jeopardised when the manuscript is stolen and local artist Suzie Colebrooke is electrocuted by a booby-trapped roulette wheel. Can new father Barnaby untangle a web of jealousy and find the killer?

Wolf Hall
BBC2, 9pm

Anne Boleyn summons Cromwell, anxious to know whether she has an ally in him, and he witnesses her venting her frustrations on her ladies-in-waiting. The king starts to take notice of Cromwell and comes to rely on the lawyer's advice, but then news arrives from York that Cardinal Wolsey has been arrested by Harry Percy, a vengeful act for denying his betrothal to Anne.

THURSDAY

Eat Well for Less
BBC1, 8pm

New series. MasterChef judge Gregg Wallace and greengrocer Chris Bavin set out to help families with their food shopping, showing them simple and effective ways to save money on their current bill. First up are the Booths from Lancashire. Mum Jenny claims to be cautious at the supermarket, always looking out for the best deals, but dad Howard's impulse buys mean they always end up paying more than they should. Now they want to save £40 a week so they can build a home extension.

FRIDAY

The Musketeers
BBC1, 9pm

The king sends the swordsmen to talk to prophet Emilie of Duras, who is raising an army to march on Spain as a result of visions she claims to have received from God. It's clear she and her followers pose a danger, and as anti-Spanish riots begin, Aramis is chosen to return to her camp and discredit the woman - before she pushes France into an ill-timed war with its neighbouring country. Meanwhile, Rochefort continues to clash with Ambassador Perales, and resorts to blackmail and murder to resolve the problem.

Midsomer Murders, Wednesday, ITV, 8pm

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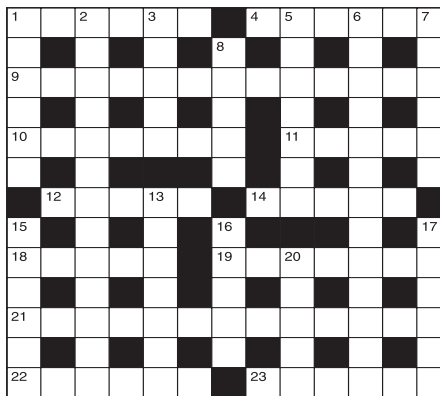
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1. Nowhere near being unapproachable (6)
4. Fits and starts (6)
9. A seat not in sun provided in a moment (13)
10. One would feel put out to be treated so (7)
11. Leaps into indiscretion (5)
12. Support the employees (5)
14. Written in a lofty pedantic style (5)
18. Free from fault (5)
19. Assimilates summaries (7)
21. A refreshing movement in the air (7,6)
22. Pete gets round it, being small (6)
23. Stays to give personal support (6)

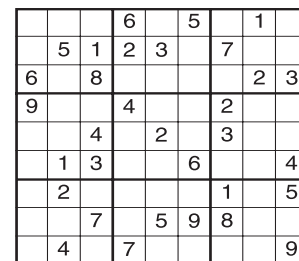
1. Was abusive, yet guarded? (6)
2. Sent the application off too late to get the appointment? (6,3,4)
3. It's drunk to a saint (5)
5. Fine kick on the football field (7)
6. The ultimate in intelligence (4-5,4)
7. She won't be the only child in the ward (6)
8. Room could easily become dusty (5)
13. His fancies rarely last (7)
15. Domestic storm centre (3-3)
16. Present day maxim (5)
17. Rising, like foreign currency (6)
20. Film actress in the dress circle (5)



1. Ecstasy (6)
4. Harvested (6)
9. Refilling (13)
10. Stupid (7)
11. Necessarily (5)
12. Collier (5)
14. Deserve (5)
18. Cook (5)
19. Atrocious act (7)
21. Sparkling (13)
22. Vocalist (6)
23. Dive (6)

1. Lethargic (6)
2. Enlargement (13)
3. Coffin (5)
5. Add to (7)
6. Forethought (13)
7. Hate (6)
8. Flinch (5)
13. Give right to (7)
15. Emergency (6)
16. Shed feathers (5)
17. Alliance (6)
20. Track (5)

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LAST WEEK'S
SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Pitch and toss; 7 Towns; 8 Alone; 9 Tot; 10 Sleep well; 11 Errata; 12 Delatin; 15 Entertain; 17 Elit; 18 Polite; 19 Kneel; 22 Red letter; 23 Orderly; 24 Potting; 25 How; 30 Nestled; 31 Trample on; 5 Score; 6 Well on his way; 7 Tutor; 10 Satirical; 13 Agent; 14 Packet; 16 Tiltle; 20 Eve. **QUICK - Across:** 1 Circumstance; 7 Tenor; 8 Robin; 9 Eye; 10 Emergence; 11 Putrid; 12 Stress; 15 Unsettled; 17 Tin; 18 Union; 19 Glory; 21 Invertebrate. **Down:** 1 Contemptuous; 2 Urn; 3 Street; 4 Abrogated; 5 Cabin; 6 Unreasonable; 7 Treat; 10 Existence; 13 Entry; 14 Pliant; 16 Scion; 20 Orb.

1. Which member of Mrs Thatcher's cabinet was a former airline pilot?
2. Which tree's Latin name is *Juglans regia*?
3. Who plays Woody Allen's wife in *Manhattan Murder Mystery*?
4. How do we know the rich vitamin B source *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*?
5. Which organisation was founded by Chad Varah in 1953?
6. By what name is the Fairs Cup now known?
7. What are studied by palaeontologists?
8. Which martial art uses bamboo replicas of samurai swords?
9. Which Scotland Yard detective led the hunt for Ronnie Biggs?
10. Which US state's capital is Springfield?

Quiz: 1 Starling; 2 Harry S Truman; 3 Harold Pinter; 4 Tours; 5 Elizabeth I; 6 Thrush; 7 Man Ray; 8 Topography; 9 Derek Lewis; 10 Sir Matt Busby.

Niner: MONASTERY

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

159 gives a bird,
67284 gives another bird,
1235 gives an animal.

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- bathroom/WC
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NEW

**SSTC Similar
Required**

**Crab Lane
Willenhall**

- Detached dormer bungalow
- Gas centrally heated
- Partially double glazed
- Lounge, dining room, kitchen
- 3 bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- Garage
- parking, gardens
- NO ONWARD CHAIN

£225,000



NEW



**High Hill
Essington**

- Detached dormer house
- PVCu double glazed
- Gas centrally heated
- Lounge
- dining room
- kitchen
- 3 bedrooms

- Bathroom/WC
- Large driveway
- gardens
- Must Be Viewed
- NO ONWARD CHAIN

£369,950



Energy Rating - D

NEW

**Instow Close
Coppice Farm**

- Well presented starter home
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- Lounge, dining kitchen
- 2 bedrooms
- bathroom/WC
- Driveway and gardens
- NO ONWARD CHAIN

£129,950



Energy Rating - D

NEW

**William Green Road
Wednesbury**

- A semi detached house
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing
- Lounge, dining room
- kitchen
- 2 bedrooms
- Bathroom/WC
- Single garage, gardens

£119,950



Energy Rating - E

**Essington Road
New Invention**

- First floor flat
- Gas Centrally Heated
- PVCu Double Glazed
- Spacious Lounge
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Shower Room

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Energy Rating - C

**School Lofts, Cecil Street
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**Hill Street
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- Spacious first floor flat
- Gas centrally heated
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- Lounge, kitchen
- 3 bedrooms, bathroom • WC
- Outside store
- Garage (available to rent)
- NO ONWARD CHAIN

OIRO £79,995



Energy Rating - E

**Brindley Close
Beechdale**

- Mid terrace house
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- 2 reception rooms
- kitchen
- 3 bedrooms
- Bathroom/WC
- Gardens to fore and rear

OIRO £88,950



Energy Rating - D

Reduced

**Wingate Road
Bentley**

- Semi-Detached House
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen, Side Covered Way
- down stairs WC
- Three Excellent Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom/WC
- Neatly Kept Front and Rear Garden
- Offered with no onward chain

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Energy Rating - D

**Ludlow Lane
Reedswood Park**

- An attractive end town house
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- Lounge, dining kitchen, conservatory
- Three bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- Ample parking & gardens

£125,000



Energy Rating - C

**Hill Street
Essington**

- Modern Mid Townhouse
- Gas Centrally Heated
- PVCu double glazed
- Through Lounge
- Kitchen/Utility
- Conservatory
- 4 Bedrooms

£134,950



Energy Rating - D

Reduced

**Balmoral Drive
Willenhall**

- Semi-detached house
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- Parking and gardens

OIRO £137,500



Energy Rating - D

**Bembridge Close
Coppice Farm**

- Semi detached house
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- Lounge, dining room, kitchen
- Kitchen
- 2 bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- Garage and parking
- Neatly laid rear garden

£140,000



Energy Rating - E

**SSTC Similar
Required**

**Monmouth Road
Bentley**

- Detached dormer bungalow
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- Lounge, dining room, kitchen
- 3 bedrooms
- Bathroom/WC
- Garage, parking, gardens
- NO ONWARD CHAIN

OIRO £149,950



Energy Rating - E

**Wilkes Avenue
Bentley**

- Traditional Detached Bungalow
- Large Corner Plot
- Gas Central Heating
- Three Bedrooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Shower Room, Garage
- Large Driveway, Front
- Side & Rear Gardens

OIRO £210,000



Energy Rating - E

**SSTC Similar
Required**

**Rowan Drive
Essington**

- Modern Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing
- Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen
- Large Split level Lounge/Dining Room
- Utility, Guest Cloaks/WC
- 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom/WC
- Block Paved Parking
- Rear Garden, No onward Chain

OIRO £179,950



Energy Rating - D

Reduced

**Stafford Close
Bloxwich**

- Detached House
- Gas central heating
- PVCu double glazing
- Lounge, dining room, kitchen
- 4 bedrooms
- Bathroom/WC
- Garage, Rear Garden
- No Onward Chain

£269,950



Energy Rating - D

**SSTC Similar
Required**

**Buttermere Grove
New Invention**

- Immaculate Detached Home
- Gas Central Heated, Double Glazing
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Re-Fitted Kitchen, Utility
- Downstairs WC
- 4 Bedrooms, En-suite
- Bathroom, Garage
- Driveway, Gardens to front & rear

OIRO £209,950



Energy Rating - D

**Enderley Drive
Bloxwich**

- Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- s Central Heating, Double Glazing
- L' Shaped Entrance Hall
- Re-Fitted Bathroom/WC
- Kitchen, Sunny Lounge
- Large Full width Conservatory
- Storage Rooms, Tarmac Paved Fore Garden
- Enclosed Rear lawned Garden

£269,950



Energy - Rating - E

**Vernon Close
Essington**

- Detached Family Home
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- Lounge, kitchen
- conservatory
- 4 bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- Driveway
- garage, gardens

£269,950



IMMACULATE



**Lichfield Road
Bloxwich**

- Traditional Detached house
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- 2 reception rooms
- kitchen
- 3 bedrooms

- Bathroom/WC
- Driveway
- parking
- garden
- Eco-friendly Home
- Conservatory

£299,950



Energy Rating - D

**Spires Croft
Shareshill**

- Detached house
- Gas centrally heated
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- Lounge, kitchen
- 4 bedrooms
- Bathroom/WC
- Garage, drive, gardens
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 • Breakfast Kitchen with Appliances
 • Utility
 • Further Reception/Garage
 • En-Suite Bathrooms
 • Conservatory
 • Rear Garden with Brick Built Shed



In the Region Of £285,000



Enderley Drive, Walsall
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 • Utility
 • Master Bedroom with En-Suite Shower

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 • Situated in a Plot just under 1 Acre
 • Lounge
 • Kitchen
 • Utility area
 • Shower room with separate shower

In the Region Of £264,995



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 • Two/Three Bedroom Detached Bungalow
 • One/Two Reception Rooms
 • Fully Fitted Kitchen
 • Ground Floor Bathroom
 • Master Bedroom with En-Suite Shower Room

In the Region Of £210,000



Westfield Drive, Walsall
 • Three bedroom Townhouse
 • Gas Central Heating
 • Double Glazing
 • Lounge
 • Kitchen/Diner
 • Family Bathroom

In the Region Of £209,995



Highfield Way, Walsall
 • Four Bedroom Detached
 • Porch
 • Breakfast Kitchen
 • Dining Room/Playroom
 • Through Lounge
 • Conservatory

£195,000



Heathside Walk, Walsall
 • ••• NEW BUILD ••••
 • Four Bedroom Semi-Detached
 • Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen/Dining Room
 • Downstairs Cloak Room
 • Master Bedroom
 • En-Suite Shower Room

£181,500



Heathside Walk, Walsall
 • ••• NEW BUILD ••••
 • Three Bedroom Detached
 • Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen/Dining Room
 • Downstairs Cloak Room
 • Master Bedroom
 • En-Suite Shower Room

£179,950



Field Road, Walsall
 • Three Bedroom Detached Bungalow
 • Two Reception Rooms
 • Breakfast Kitchen
 • Utility/Lobby
 • Guest W.C.
 • Family Bathroom

Guide Price £175,000



Lichfield Road, Walsall
 • Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
 • Two Reception Rooms
 • Kitchen
 • Utility
 • Family Bathroom
 • Large Rear Garden

Offers in Excess of £170,000



Ravenscroft Road, Willenhall
 • Extended Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
 • Lounge
 • Fitted Kitchen
 • Additional Sitting Room/Bedroom
 • Ground Floor Wet Room
 • Re-Fitted Family Bathroom

In the Region Of £139,950



Beechtree Road, Walsall
 • Entrance Hall
 • Guest Cloakroom
 • Lounge
 • Dining Room
 • Kitchen
 • Family Bathroom

Asking price of £139,950



Silver Street, Walsall
 • Two Bedroom Mid Townhouse
 • Open Plan Lounge / Kitchen
 • Guest W.C.
 • Master Bedroom with En-Suite
 • Family Bathroom
 • Gas Central Heating

In the Region Of £139,500



Clarkes Lane, Willenhall
 • Extended Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
 • Two Reception Rooms
 • Fitted Kitchen
 • Utility/Guest W.C.
 • Conservatory
 • Three Bedrooms

Fixed £134,995



Lichfield Road, Walsall
 • Three Bedrooms
 • Two Reception Rooms
 • Kitchen
 • Family Bathroom
 • Guest WC
 • Luxury Family Shower Room

In the Region Of £134,950



Oakridge Close, Willenhall
 • Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
 • Lounge
 • Kitchen/Diner
 • Family Bathroom
 • Entrance Porch
 • Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating

Offers in Excess of £130,000



Dalby Road, Walsall
 • Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
 • Lounge
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 • Guest W.C.
 • Newly Fitted Family Bathroom
 • Front & Rear Gardens

In the Region Of £129,950



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 • Master Bedroom with En-Suite Shower

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 • Kitchen
 • Two Double Bedrooms
 • Family Bathroom
 • Front & Rear Gardens

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 • Lounge
 • Kitchen/Diner
 • Guest W.C.
 • Master Bedroom with Walk-In Wardrobe Area

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Chestnut Road, Walsall
 • Three bed End of Terrace
 • Lounge
 • Fitted Kitchen
 • Bathroom
 • Double Glazing
 • Gas Central Heating

£100,000



High Street, Walsall
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 • Open Plan Lounge/Diner
 • Kitchen
 • Utility/Storage Room
 • Family Bathroom
 • Gas Central Heating

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 • Two Reception Rooms
 • Kitchen
 • Side Entrance
 • Utility/Guest W.C.
 • Family Bathroom

In the Region Of £97,000



West Street, Walsall
 • Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace
 • Two Reception Rooms
 • Kitchen
 • Ground Floor Bathroom
 • Three Double Bedrooms
 • Rear Garden

In the Region Of £88,000



Weston Street, Walsall
 • Two Bedroom Mid-Terrace
 • Two Reception Rooms
 • Kitchen with Pantry
 • Inner Lobby with Utility
 • Ground Floor Bathroom
 • Two Double Bedrooms

In the Region Of £87,500



Dora Street, Walsall
 • Two Bedroom Mid-Terrace
 • Two Reception Rooms
 • Recently Fitted Kitchen
 • Rear Lobby with Utility
 • Guest W.C.
 • Recently Fitted Family Bathroom

Offers in Excess of £85,000



Manorhouse Close, Walsall
 • Two Bedroom First Floor Apartment
 • Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen
 • Two Double Bedrooms
 • Family Bathroom
 • Double Glazing
 • Gas Central Heating

Offers in Excess of £80,000



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 • Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen
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 • Family Bathroom
 • Bathroom with Shower
 • Communal Grounds

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 • Lounge
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 • Two Bedrooms
 • Bathroom with Shower
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• Lounge
• Dining Room
• Conservatory
• Kitchen Diner
• Utility Room

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• Two Reception Rooms
• Fitted Kitchen with Appliances
• Guest W.C.
• Utility
• Conservatory

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• Family Bathroom with Walk-In Shower

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• Master Bedroom with En-Suite Shower Room
• Three Further Bedrooms

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• Kitchen
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• En-Suite
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• In Need of Modernisation
• Two Reception Rooms
• Kitchen
• Side Passageway
• Downstairs W.C.

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• Lounge
• Fitted Kitchen with Breakfast Area
• Rear Lobby with Guest W.C.
• Master Bedroom with En-Suite Shower Room

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Heathside Walk, Walsall
• •••• NEW BUILD •••••
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• Lounge
• Fitted Kitchen/Dining Room
• Downstairs Cloak Room
• Master Bedroom

£147,500



Stroud Avenue, Willenhall
• SEMI DETACHED
• GARAGE
• LIVING ROOM
• DINER/KITCHEN
• REAR GARDEN
• FAMILY BATHROOM

In the Region Of £145,000



John Riley Drive, Willenhall
• Three Bedroom Detached
• Extended Entrance Hall
• Lounge
• Fitted Kitchen with Integrated Appliance
• Family Bathroom
• Integral Garage

In the Region Of £142,500



Coppice Farm Way, Willenhall
• Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
• Lounge
• Breakfast Kitchen
• Laundry Room
• Family Bathroom
• Family Bathroom

£140,000



Pelsall Road, Walsall
• Three bedroom Semi Detached
• Lounge
• Kitchen/Diner
• Conservatory
• Shower Room
• Gas Central Heating

In the Region Of £139,995



Lumley Road, Walsall
• Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace
• Two Reception Rooms
• Fitted Kitchen
• Ground Floor Shower Room
• Two Double Bedroom to First Floor
• First Floor W.C.
• Further Second Floor Bedrooms
• Front & Rear Gardens

In the Region Of £129,950



Lindon Road, Walsall
• Three bedroom Semi Detached house
• Porch
• Lounge
• Kitchen
• Shower Room
• Gas central heating

In the Region Of £124,995



Lane Avenue, Walsall
• Three Bed Semi-Detached
• Extended
• Fitted Kitchen
• Master Bedroom/Ensuite
• Bathroom with Shower
• Through Lounge/Diner

In the Region Of £124,950



Daw End Lane, Walsall
• Two Bedroom End-Terrace
• Two Reception Rooms
• Extended Breakfast Kitchen
• Sun Room
• Two Double Bedrooms
• Family Bathroom

In the Region Of £124,950



Albert Clarke Drive, Willenhall
• Two Bedroom Semi-Detached
• Lounge
• Fitted Kitchen
• Conservatory
• Two Bedrooms
• Family Bathroom

Offers in Excess of £120,000



Lichfield Road, Willenhall
• Two Bed End of Terrace
• Lounge/Diner
• Fitted Kitchen
• Family Bathroom With Shower
• Enclosed Rear Garden
• Off Road Parking

In the region of £114,995



Squires Grove, Willenhall
• Two Bedroom Semi-Detached
• Lounge with Juliet Balcony
• Fitted Kitchen
• Master Bedroom with En-Suite
• Further Double Bedroom
• Family Bathroom

In the Region Of £95,000



Woodcutter Close, Walsall
• Two Bedroom Apartment
• First Floor with Lift Access
• Entrance Hall
• Lounge/Diner
• Fitted Kitchen
• Close to Town Centre

In the Region Of £94,950



Wolverhampton Road, Walsall
• Three Bed Terrace
• Kitchen
• Lean To
• Double Glazing
• Gas Central Heating
• Two Reception Rooms

Offers in excess of £90,000



Marlborough Street, Walsall
• Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace
• Lounge
• Kitchen
• Guest W.C.
• Family Bathroom
• Verandah

In the Region Of £90,000



Lichfield Road, Walsall
• Stunning 2 Bedroom Apartment
• Lounge
• Kitchen
• Bathroom
• Gas Central Heating
• Double Glazing

Offers in Excess of £89,995



Old Town Lane, Walsall
• Three Bedroom Ground Floor Flat
• Lounge
• Kitchen
• Family Bathroom
• Communal Grounds
• Double Glazing

In the Region Of £89,995



Fishley Lane, Bloxwich
• One Bedroom Ground Floor Apartment
• Modern Finish Throughout
• Ideal For First Time Buyers & Investors
• Spacious Open Plan Living Area
• Good Sized Double Bedroom
• Allocated & Visitor Parking

In the Region Of £89,950



Edinburgh Lane, Walsall
• 60% Shared Ownership
• Two Bedroom Semi-Detached
• Bespoke Fitted Kitchen with Appliances
• Lounge
• Two Double Bedrooms
• Re-Fitted Family Bathroom

Shared Ownership £74,950



Lawnoaks Close, Walsall
• Three Bedroom Semi Detached House
• Entrance Hallway
• Lounge Diner
• Kitchen
• Bathroom
• Rear Garden

In the Region Of £72,000



Cartbridge Walk, Walsall
• Two Bed End of Terrace
• Two Reception Rooms
• Fitted Kitchen
• Family Bathroom With Shower
• Front & Rear Gardens
• Double Glazing

Offers in Excess of £72,000



Clarks Lane, Willenhall
• Two Bedroom First Floor Flat
• Lounge
• Fitted Kitchen
• Utility Room
• Family Bathroom

£70,000



Blakenall Lane, Walsall
• Ideal Investment
• Two Reception Rooms
• Two Double Bedrooms
• First Floor Bathroom
• Kitchen
• Gas Central Heating

Offers in Excess of £65,000



Fisher Road, Walsall
• One Bedroom Ground Floor Maisonette
• Lounge/Dining Room
• Kitchen
• Double Bedroom
• Recently Fitted Shower Room
• Off Road Parking

In the Region Of £65,000



Livingstone Road, Walsall
• Two Bedrooms
• Third Floor Flat
• Kitchen
• Raised Dining Area
• Kitchen
• Bathroom

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EPC: D

NEW



BLOXWICH ENVILE CLOSE

- Modern style town house situated in popular Turnberry development
- Two bedrooms
- Majority double glazing
- Electric heating
- First floor bathroom
- Pleasant rear garden
- Off road parking
- Viewing strongly recommended!



£124,950 OFFERS

EPC: TBC

NEW



BLOXWICH BASLOW ROAD

- Very deceptive extended traditional style four bedroom property situated in this mature and sought after residential area near to Stafford Road, Bloxwich
- Gas centrally heated
- Upvc double glazing
- Conservatory
- Lovely established rear garden
- Internal viewing strongly recommended



£235,000

EPC: TBC

NEW



- Well cared for town house style property offering accommodation thought ideal for first time purchasers
- Two generous bedrooms



- Reception hall
- Spacious 19ft through lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- First floor bathroom

£92,500 OFFERS

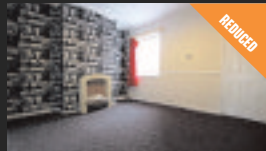
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REDUCED



WALSALL WELL LANE

- Pleasant terraced style property
- Three bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Gas central heating & Upvc double glazed windows



- Fitted kitchen
- Bathroom with shower fitment
- Garden and garage space at rear
- No upward chain

£84,950 OFFERS

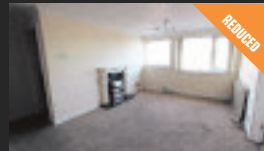
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REDUCED



WALSALL HARDEN CLOSE

- First floor maisonette
- Two bedrooms
- Gas central heating & Upvc double glazed windows



- Lounge, kitchen and bathroom
- Garage in nearby block
- No upward chain

£39,950 CASH OFFERS ONLY

EPC: TBC

NEW



BLOXWICH BROAD LANE

- Pleasantly appointed terraced style property in convenient location near to Bloxwich North railway station
- Two bedrooms
- Upstairs bathroom with shower
- Two reception rooms
- Fitted kitchen
- Garden to the rear
- Rear garage



£99,950 OFFERS

EPC: D

NEW



RUSHALL KING GEORGE PLACE

- End town house style property situated in cul de sac location
- Two bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Upvc double glazing
- Lounge, kitchen and utility area
- Upstairs bathroom
- Gardens to front and rear
- No upward chain



£94,950 OFFERS

EPC: D

NEW



WALSALL NEW FOREST ROAD

- Pleasant modern style semi detached property
- Generous side and rear gardens with potential to extend (subject to planning)
- Two bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Double glazed
- Fitted dining kitchen
- First floor bathroom
- Garage and off road parking



£124,950 OFFERS

EPC: TBC

NEW



WALSALL CHESTNUT ROAD

- EXCELLENT FIRST TIME BUY
- Pleasant two bedroom semi detached property set back behind generous front garden
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazing
- First floor bathroom
- Lovely established rear garden
- Viewing recommended via agent!!



£89,950 OFFERS

EPC: E

REDUCED



BLOXWICH LICHFIELD ROAD

- Semi detached property situated behind generous frontage
- Three bedrooms
- Part double glazing & gas central heating system



- Two reception rooms
- Kitchen and utility room
- Upstairs bathroom with shower
- Garage and parking to the rear

£125,000 OFFERS

EPC: E

REDUCED



BLOXWICH CENTRAL DRIVE

- Pleasant semi detached property
- Gas central heating
- Three bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Upvc double glazed windows
- Generous rear garden
- Off road parking
- No upward chain!
- Viewing strongly recommended



OFFERS OVER £100,000

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BENTLEY TENBURY CLOSE

- Superb Modern Style Semi Detached
- Spacious Lounge, Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Brand New Bathroom



• Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing
• Driveway
• Delightful Landscaped Rear Gardens
• Planning Permission for Two Storey Side Extension

OFFERS OVER £135,000



WILLENHALL YALE ROAD

- Impressive Mid town house
- Three Bedrooms
- Spacious lounge, Conservatory
- Dining kitchen



• Bathroom, En-suite
• Double Glazing, Gas CH
• Garage, Driveway
• Gardens, No chain

£135,000



DARLASTON DORSETT ROAD

- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- Lounge
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Conservatory



• Double Glazed
• Centrally Heated
• Landscaped Garden
• No upward Chain

OFFERS OVER £100,000



WILLENHALL BENTON CLOSE, OFF STROUD AV

- Well Presented Mid Town House
- No Chain
- 20ft Through Lounge / Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen



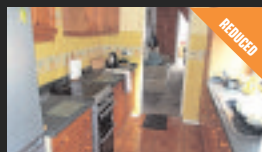
• Three Bedrooms
• Family Bathroom
• Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating
• Front & Rear Gardens

£99,950



WILLENHALL ST ANNE'S ROAD

- Period Three Bedroom Mid Terrace
- No Chain
- Through Lounge / Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen



• Ground Floor Bathroom
• Double Glazing
• Garage
• Rear Gardens

£83,000



NEW INVENTION CANNOCK ROAD

- Much Improved Modern Style Mid Town House
- Lounge
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Double Bedroom
- Bathroom



• Double Glazing
• Gas Central Heating
• Garage
• Gardens
• No Upward Chain

£80,000



ESSINGTON LARCHMERE DRIVE

- Exceptional detached family residence
- Lounge, Dining room
- Conservatory
- Five bedrooms
- Double glazing, gas central heating
- Spacious breakfast kitchen & utility
- Bathroom, En-suite shower room
- Beautiful landscaped corner plot gardens
- Garage and driveway



£310,000



BENTLEY CHURCHILL ROAD

- Exceptional modern style detached
- Four good size bedrooms
- 24ft through lounge/dining room
- Newly fitted kitchen, Utility/wc
- Refitted bathroom
- En-suite shower room
- Double glazing
- Gas central heating system
- Garage, driveway, Rear garden



£209,995



WILLENHALL STROUD AVENUE

- Modern style semi detached
- Lounge
- Impressive refitted dining kitchen
- Bathroom
- Three bedrooms
- Double glazing
- Gas CH
- Garage, Block paved driveway
- Gardens



OFFERS OVER £145,000



WILLENHALL DILLOWAYS LANE

- Extended traditional semi detached
- Through lounge
- Superb family/dining room
- Fitted kitchen
- 3 bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Double glazing
- Gas CH
- Driveway • Gardens



£134,000



SNEYD PARK CEDAR PARK ROAD

- Mid Terrace Property
- No Upward Chain
- Hall, Spacious Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Garage
- Rear Gardens



£99,500



SHORT HEATH COLTHAM ROAD

- Traditional Semi Detached
- No Chain
- Hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Part Gas CH
- Long Rear Gardens



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COPPICE FARM ULLSWATER ROAD

- Exceptional Detached Residence
- No Chain
- Four Bedrooms, En-Suite Shower Room
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Excellent Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Utility / WC, Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Garage & Block Paved Driveway
- Pleasant Front & Rear Gardens



£240,000



COPPICE FARM MILES MEADOW CLOSE

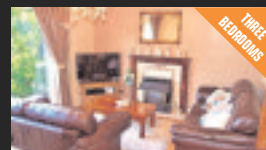
- Extended Modern Style Detached Property
- Hall, Lounge, Dining Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Guests WC
- Four Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Bathroom
- En-Suite Shower Room
- Block Paved Driveway, Gardens

£180,000



WILLENHALL DARVEL ROAD

- Much improved modern semi detached
- 3 bedrooms
- Lounge with dining area
- Refitted kitchen



- Bathroom
- Double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Garage
- Driveway
- Front and rear gardens

£130,000



NEW INVENTION HIGHGROVE CLOSE

- Impressive Detached Property
- Premier Location
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Large Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Utility
- Gas CH
- Double Glazing
- Garage
- Gardens



£175,000



NEW INVENTION DELAMERE ROAD

- Superb Modern Semi Detached
- Popular Location
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Lounge
- Well Appointed Dining Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Tandem Garage
- Driveway
- Gardens

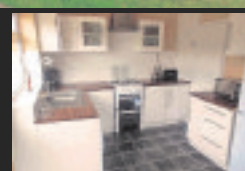


£149,950



WOODLANDS LOMBARDY GARDENS

- Much Improved Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Lounge
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Garage
- Gardens



£130,000



WILLENHALL DILLOWAYS LANE

- Traditional Mid Terrace Bungalow
- Beautifully Presented
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Shower Room
- Pleasant Gardens
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing



£115,000



WILLENHALL VERNON CLOSE

- Spacious Semi Detached
- Lounge
- Large Dining Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Shower Room
- Gas CH
- Double Glazing
- No Chain
- Gardens



£105,000



WILLENHALL SQUIRES GATE ROAD

- Modern end terraced with No Chain
- Two bedrooms
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Hall with guest wc
- Bathroom
- Double glazing
- Gas CH
- Two allocated parking spaces
- Rear gardens



£95,000

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BROADWATERS RD, DARLASTON
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SOLD
SIMILAR PROPERTIES REQUIRED

£125,000

REDUCED

FOR SALE

MARSHALL ROAD, W'HALL
Three Bed Semi Detached. Comprises Of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Bathroom, D/G & G/C/H. Driveway & Garden To The Fore With Garage To The Side, Enclosed Garden To The Rear.

£135,000

NEW INSTRUCTION

FOR SALE

DELAMERE RD, NEW INVENTION
Three Bed Semi Detached. Comprises Of Entrance Porch, Inner Hallway, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Diner, Feature Conservatory, Family Bathroom, D/G & G/C/H. Driveway, Tandem Garage And Driveway.

£149,950

NEW INSTRUCTION

FOR SALE

BLOX RD NORTH, SHORT HEATH
Detached Three Bed Having Entrance Porch, Hall, Lounge With Inglenook Fireplace, Separate Sitting Room, Conservatory, Fitted Kitchen, Galleried Landing, Family Bathroom, Garage, D/Glazing, C/Heating.

£275,000

FOR SALE

VICTORIA STREET, WILLENHALL
Two Bed Mid Terraced. Comprises Of Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen & Bathroom. D/G. Garden To Rear. Requires Updating In Parts But Generally Well Presented. An Excellent FTB or BTL.

£69,995

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FOR SALE

GIPSY LANE, WILLENHALL
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SOLD
SIMILAR PROPERTIES REQUIRED

£72,500

NEW INSTRUCTION

FOR SALE

CHAUCER AVE, SHORT HEATH
Two Bed Mid Terraced Property Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Side Storage Area, Two Double Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, UPVC D/Glazing, C/Heating And Enclosed Rear Garden.

£89,995

REDUCED

FOR SALE

BROOKHILL CL, NEW INV
Three Bedroom Mid Town House. Comprises Of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Modern Fitted Kitchen/Diner, Ground Floor W.C. And First Floor Bathroom. G/C/H. D/G. Gardens To Front & Rear. Detached Garage.

VIEWING ESSENTIAL

£92,500

FOR SALE

HORTON PLACE, DARLASTON
Three Bed Mid Town House. Comprises Of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen/Diner, Ground Floor Bathroom, Separate W.C. And First Floor Shower Room. D/G. G/C/H. Front & Rear Gardens. Off Road Parking.

£95,000

FOR SALE

HILTON ROAD, NEW INV
Two Bedroom Semi Detached Comprises Of Entrance Porch, Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Bathroom, G/C/H. D/G. Outside There Is Driveway Parking & A Garage. Enclosed Garden To Rear.

£99,995

GREAT FTB / BTL

FOR SALE

LIME AVENUE, BENTLEY
Three Bed Mid Town House. Comprises Of Porch, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Dining Room, Separate Utility Area, Fitted Shower Room & Separate WC. D/G. G/C/H. Off Road Parking & Enclosed Rear Garden.

£100,000

NO UPWARD CHAIN

FOR SALE

WALKERS FOLD, WILLENHALL
Two Bed Mid Town House. Comprising Of Entrance Hall, Kitchen, Lounge/Diner And Modern Shower Room. Outside Are Two Allocated Parking Spaces & Rear Garden.

£107,500

FOR SALE

THE CRESCENT, WILLENHALL
Modern Two Bed Semi. Comprises Lounge With Open Plan Staircase, Kitchen/Diner, Conservatory And Family Bathroom. D/G. G/C/H. Block Paved Driveway, Enclosed Rear Garden.

£110,000

FOR SALE

WALKERS FOLD, WILLENHALL
Two Bedroom Mid Town House. Comprising Of Entrance Hall, W.C., Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Family Bathroom. D/G G/C/H Outside There Are Two Allocated Parking Spaces. Gardens To Front & Rear.

£110,000

REDUCED

FOR SALE

MEMORIAL CL, WILLENHALL
Two Bed Semi Detached. Comprises Of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen/Diner And Shower Room. D/G & G/C/H. Gardens And Driveway To The Front/Side And An Enclosed Garden To The Rear.

£110,000

FOR SALE

LOGDE STREET, WILLENHALL
Three Bedroom Semi Detached. Comprises Of Entrance Hall, Spacious Lounge/Diner, Modern Fitted Kitchen & Family Bathroom. D/G & G/C/H. Driveway & Garage. Front & Rear Gardens.

£114,995

FOR SALE

ALBION ROAD, WILLENHALL
Three Bed Mid Terrace. Comprises Of Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Ground Floor Bathroom With Bath & Shower And First Floor W.C. Room. D/G. G/C/H. Rear Garden.

£115,000

FOR SALE

BASALT CLOSE, REEDSWOOD
Modern Three Bed End Town House. Comprises Of Kitchen, Lounge/Diner, En-Suite To Master Bed & Bathroom, Garage, Garden To The Front With Off Road Parking & An Fully Enclosed Rear Garden.

£130,000

FOR SALE

GOREY CLOSE, WILLENHALL
Two Bed Semi Detached. Comprises Of Hall, Lounge, Recently Re-Fitted Kitchen, Separate Utility Which Has Also Been Re-Fitted And Bathroom. G & G/C/H. Parking To Front & Enclosed Garden To Rear.

£130,000

NEW INSTRUCTION

FOR SALE

TRENTHAM AVENUE, W'HALL
Three Bed End Town House. Comprises Of Porch, Entrance Hall, Lounge/Diner, Conservatory, Fitted Kitchen, Side Vestibule With Brick Built Outbuildings & Modern Shower Room. D/G. G/C/H. Driveway. Front & Rear Gardens.

£132,500

VIEWING ADVISED

FOR SALE

SOBERTON CL, WEDNESFIELD
Three Bed Semi Detached. Comprises Of Entrance Hall, Lounge/Diner, Modern Fitted Kitchen With Dining Area And D/G. G/C/H. Gardens To Front And Rear. Driveway Parking & Detached Garage.

£135,000

STAMP DUTY PAID!

FOR SALE

AMPLEFORTH DRIVE, W'HALL
Three Bed End Town House. Comprising Of Entrance Hall, Ground Floor W.C., Lounge, Fitted Kitchen With Dining Area And D/Glazed And Central Heated. Off Road Parking, Garden To Rear. STAMP DUTY PAID BY VENDOR!

£137,500

FOR SALE

COPPIC FARM WAY, W'HALL
Extended Three Bed Semi. Comprises Of Lounge, Fitted Kitchen/Diner, Utility Room And Family Bathroom. UPVC Double Glazed And Gas Central Heated. Driveway Parking To The Fore And Enclosed Garden To Rear.

£140,000

FOR SALE

WELLAND GROVE, W'HALL
Three Bedroom Detached. Comprises Of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Family Bathroom, D/Glazed, G/C/H. Gardens To Front & Rear. Driveway & Garage.

£149,995

REDUCED

FOR SALE

BUCKINGHAM DR, WILLENHALL
Recently Renovated Three Bed Semi. Comprises Of Porch, Entrance Hall, 28ft Lounge/Diner, Fitted Kitchen, Laundry/Storage Room And Family Bathroom. D/G. G/C/H. Driveway Parking. Rear Garden.

£150,000

VIEWING ADVISED

FOR SALE

THE GREEN, DARLASTON
Four Bed Detached House. Comprising Of Entrance Hall, Lounge/Diner, Kitchen, Ground Floor W.C., Rear Hallway, En-Suite Shower To Master Bed & Family Bathroom. Rear Garden & Off Road Parking.

£150,000 Offers Over

FOR SALE

BIRCHTREE HOLLOW, WILLENHALL
Extended Five Bed Semi Detached Having Entrance Porch & Hall, Spacious Lounge/Dining Area, Fitted Kitchen, Utility Area, Ground Floor W.C., Additional Sitting Room And Family Bathroom. D/Glazing, C/Heating, Driveway.

£155,000

EXTENSIVE GARDENS

FOR SALE

ARNHEM ROAD, WILLENHALL
Well Presented Three Bed Detached Bungalow. Comprises Of Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Conservatory, W.C. Family Bathroom. D/G & G/C/H. Off Road Parking To The Front & Extensive Gardens To The Rear.

£155,000

FOR SALE

LICHFIELD ROAD, WILLENHALL
Two Bed Detached Bungalow Having Through Lounge/Diner, Fitted Kitchen, Conservatory, Family Bathroom With Separate Shower, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Enclosed Rear Garden & Driveway.

£180,000

CHARACTER PROPERTY

FOR SALE

BUSH STREET, DARLASTON
Three Bed Cottage Style Detached Comprising Of Entrance Hall, Bathroom, Fitted Kitchen, Two Reception Rooms & En-Suite W.C. To Master Bed. Outside Is Gated Parking, Double Garage With Office & Garden.

£195,000

ANNEXE

FOR SALE

MILL LANE, WILLENHALL
Three Bed Detached Bungalow With One Bed Annex. Comprises Of Hall, Lounge/Diner, Kitchen, Family Bathroom. The Annex Comprises Of Lounge, Kitchen/Diner & Bedroom With En-Suite Shower Room.

£280,000

TO LET

DILLOWAYS LANE, W'HALL
MANAGERS SPECIAL ONLY £99 ADMIN FEE'S
Well Presented Two Bed First Floor Flat. The Property Comprises Of Entrance Hall, Stairs To First Floor, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Shower Room, G/C/H, Upvc Double Glazing. To The Outside There Is A Shared Driveway To The Fore Off Road Parking And A Generous Garden. To The Rear.

£400 PCM

TO LET

GRENVILLE CLOSE, BENTLEY
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£400 PCM

TO LET

LEVESON STREET, W'HALL
Three Bed Mid Terraced. Comprises Of Porch, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen & Ground Floor Bathroom. Three Good Sized Bedrooms On The First Floor. G/C/H. D/G. Rear Garden.

£450 PCM

TO LET

VICTORIA STREET, W'HALL
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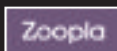
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Viewing:

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- EPC Rating E, Ground Floor Guest WC

OFFERS AROUND: **£110,000**
Viewing:

Harden Close Walsall **NEW**

- CASH OFFERS ONLY
- Upper Floor Maisonette
- Two Bedrooms
- Energy Rating Awaited, Lounge & Kitchen

OFFERS AROUND: **£44,950**
Viewing:

Wareham Close Walsall

- Modern Semi Detached Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge & Kitchen
- Energy Rating C, First Floor Bathroom

OFFERS AROUND: **£79,950**
Viewing:

Scholars Walk Walsall

- Modern Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge & Breakfast Kitchen
- Energy Rating D, Family Bathroom & Conservatory

OFFERS AROUND: **£129,950**
Viewing:

Birch Lane Walsall

- Spacious Detached Family Home
- Four Bedrooms & Family Bathroom
- En-suite & Guest WC
- Energy Rating C, Lounge & Dining Room

OFFERS AROUND: **£225,000**
Viewing:

Broadstone Avenue Walsall

- Spacious Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms & First Floor Bathroom
- Two Large Reception Rooms
- Good Access To Bloxwich & Walsall, Contemporary

OFFERS AROUND: **£144,950**
Viewing:

Lynwood Close Willenhall **REDUCED**

- 3 Bedroom link-detached house
- Modern kitchen
- Lounge
- EPC - D, Modern bathroom

OFFERS AROUND: **£155,000**
Viewing:

Farmhouse Road Willenhall

- 2 Bedroom flat
- Entrance Porch and Hallway
- Double Glazing
- Fitted Kitchen

OFFERS AROUND: **£64,000**
Viewing:

Walhouse Road Walsall

- Immaculate End Terrace Property
- Three Large Bedrooms & First Floor Bathroom
- Principle Reception Room & Cellar
- Spacious Family Accommodation, Modern Kitchen

OFFERS AROUND: **£210,000**
Viewing:

Bunkers Hill Lane Bilston

- Three bedroom
- Two Reception rooms
- Downstairs Family Bathroom
- EPC - E, Kitchen

OFFERS AROUND: **£120,000**
Viewing:

Loxdale Sidings Bilston

- 3 Bedroom townhouse
- Master bedroom and en-suite
- Lounge
- EPC - C, Modern kitchen

OFFERS AROUND: **£150,000**
Viewing:

Morville Croft Bilston

- 2 Bedroom Modern Flat
- Lounge
- Modern Kitchen
- EPC - C, Modern Bathroom

OFFERS AROUND: **£65,000**
Viewing:

Ladymoor Road Bilston

- 3 Bedroom semi detached
- Entrance porch and hallway
- Lounge/diner
- EPC - D, Breakfast kitchen

OFFERS AROUND: **£85,000**
Viewing:

Wellington Road Bilston

- 3 Bedroom end terrace mews house
- New build
- No upward chain
- EPC - Awaiting, Entrance Hall

OFFERS AROUND: **£159,750**
Viewing:

Mill Croft Bilston

- 3 Bedroom town house
- No upward chain
- Kitchen
- EPC - E, Downstairs wc

OFFERS AROUND: **£110,000**
Viewing:

Pannroyal Close Walsall

- Modern Style Semi Detached House
- Three Bedrooms & First Floor Bathroom
- Lounge & Breakfast Kitchen
- Double Glazed As Stated

OFFERS AROUND: **£130,000**
Viewing:

Darley Drive Wolverhampton **NEW**

- Modern 3 bedroom detached house
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Conservatory

OFFERS AROUND: **£160,000**
Viewing:

Princethorpe Road Willenhall **NEW**

- 3 Bedroom Modern Semi Detached House
- Modern Kitchen
- Downstairs wc
- EPC - C, Lounge/Diner

OFFERS OVER: **£145,000**
Viewing:

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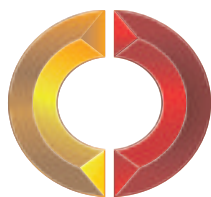
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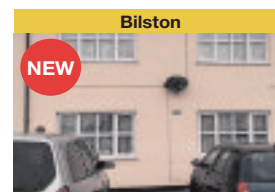
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- Two En Suites

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- Close To All Local Amenities

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- Upvc Double Glazed Windows,
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/diner
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Epc Rating - D

£175,000



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Bradmore

Burleigh Road

- Upvc Windows
- Two Reception Rooms
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Garden

£89,950



NEW

Park Village

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- Ideal Investment
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Upvc Double Glazing
- Bathroom
- Epc Rating E

£64,950



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- Two Reception Rooms
- Close To New Cross Hospital
- Epc Rating E

£82,000



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- Three Bedrooms
- Semi Detached
- Popular Location
- Fitted Kitchen
- No Upward Chain
- Epc Rating E

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Prosser Street

- Ideal Investment Property
- Three Bedrooms,
- Two Reception rooms
- Epc Rating E

£65,000



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- Epc D

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- Double Glazed & Centrally Heated
- All Bills Included
- Communal Kitchen
- Part Furnished
- Epc D

£300 PCM



NEW

Willenhall

Moseley Road

- Detached House
- Double Glazed & Central Heating
- Three Bedrooms
- Through lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Enclosed rear Garden

£600 PCM



NEW

Willenhall

Milcote Drive

- Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Double Glazed
- Central Heating
- Must Be Viewed
- Epc D

£600 PCM



NEW

Wolverhampton

Columbia Crescent

- First floor apartment
- Double Glazed
- Gas Central Heating
- En Suite Shower
- Through Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen

£545 PCM



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- Electric Heating
- Fitted Kitchen
- Spacious Lounge
- Epc E

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- One Bedroom
- Double Glazed
- Through lounge
- Fitted Kitchen

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LOT 116c **Lazyhill Road Aldridge**

Viewings: 23rd, 26th January at 10.00



This purpose built first floor maisonette is situated on Lazy Hill Road within a short distance of Aldridge Village centre with facilities provided. With the benefit of gas fired central heating and double glazing the property would make an ideal investment opportunity as it is in need of some improvement and modernisation. Set back behind a driveway with garage the property comprises the following in greater detail: Lounge, Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms and Bathroom.

●Auction Guide Price £77,500 PLUS

LOT 116c **Mill Lane Short Heath**

Viewings: 26th, 31st January at 11.00 am



This substantial semi detached traditional residence is situated in a highly sought after location and offers an ideal opportunity for renovation by builder or would be home owner. The gas centrally heated double glazed accommodation offers tremendous scope for improvement and extensions and needs to be viewed to appreciate some of its redeeming features, such as wooden flooring to the ground floor. Conveniently situated close to all amenities the property comprises:- Fully Enclosed Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms and a Garage.

●GUIDE PRICE £125,000 PLUS

LOT 116c **Blakenall Lane Walsall**

Viewings: Strictly by appointment through Auctioneers



Ideally suited to the needs of an investor this traditionally styled semi detached property offers well appointed and maintained accommodation, conveniently located for all amenities. Cash offers only are invited dues to mining issues (prospective purchasers are advised to check the coal mining report). The gas centrally heated and double glazed accommodation comprises: Enclosed Porch, Lounge/Dining Room, Breakfast Room, Fitted Kitchen with range of fitted units, Shower Room, Utility Room and 3 Bedrooms.

●GUIDE PRICE £60,000 - £70,000

LOT 116c **Westbourne Road Walsall**

Viewings: 26th, 31st January and 9th February 1.00 pm



This Substantial double fronted semi-detached property is situated in an ideal location for Walsall town centre and offers great potential for investors. The property is in need of some refurbishment and offers great scope for improvement and possible development with vehicular access to the site. The centrally heated and double glazed property comprises:- Entrance Hall, W.C., Living Room, Lounge, Kitchen, Bathroom , Four Bedrooms, Two Large Storage Rooms and Outbuilding. EPC Rating E.

●GUIDE PRICE £150,000 PLUS

LOT 116c **Bhylls Lane Wolverhampton**

Viewings: 21st, 28th January at midday.



Occupying a popular convenient location, this traditionally styled double fronted semi detached bungalow offers tremendous scope for improvement. Having been extended the property offers good sized accommodation with the benefit of double glazing and is set back from the road behind a foregarden with off street parking. All amenities are close at hand and the property comprises: Porch, Reception Hall, Rear Lounge, Breakfast Room, Kitchen, Utility Room, Additional Sitting Room/Bedroom, Two Bedroom, Shower Room and Enclosed rear garden.

●GUIDE PRICE 80,000 PLUS

LOT 116c **Eversley Dale Erdington**

Viewings: 24th, 31st January at midday



A two bedroom bungalow situated in a cul-de-sac location just off Bromford Lane in Erdington. Being ideally located for local amenities and suitable for wheelchair users the property briefly comprises: Porch, Lounge, Dining Room, Conservatory, Two Bedroom and Lobby. EPC Rating E. Viewings: Sat 17 January midday Sat 24 January midday, Sat 31 January midday, Sat 7 February midday, Sat 14 February midday, Wed 18 February midday.

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LOT 116c **Lichfield Road Sandhills**

Appointment through Auctioneers



Occupying a delightful semi rural location between Brownhills and Lichfield this traditionally styled semi detached cottage offers scope for further improvement. The accommodation comprises:- (Ground Floor) Enclosed Porch, Entrance Hall opening into Fitted Kitchen with sink unit, drainer, built in oven and hob and range of units, Lounge with stairs to first floor off, windows to side and rear, laminate floor covering and feature fireplace, Dining Area with window to side and door to Utility Room, Bathroom, Corner Bath, low level w.c. and wash hand basin, Large Utility Room with door to outside. (First Floor) Staircase leads to Landing leading to 2 Bedrooms.

●GUIDE PRICE £77,500 PLUS

LOT 116c **Carisbrooke Drive Stafford**

Appointment through Auctioneers



Situated on a popular residential development this modern gas centrally heated and double glazed semi detached property is an ideal investment opportunity offering the potential for good investment yields. Conveniently located, the property comprises: Reception Hall, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom.

●GUIDE PRICE £63,000 PLUS

LOT 116c **Darwin Court Lichfield**

Viewings: 27th January at 1pm



A spacious second floor apartment situated on the Darwin Park Estate within easy access of Lichfield City Centre. Having attractive views across Cathedral Walk the property comprises: Entrance Hallway, Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, En-Suite Shower Room, Bathroom, One Car Parking Space.

●GUIDE PRICE £120,000 PLUS

LOT 116c **Dunstall Road Wolverhampton**

28th January and 7th February 11.30 am



Situated close to Wolverhampton City Centre with all facilities provided this traditionally styled Victorian terraced property offers an ideal investment opportunity. The gas centrally heated and double glazed accommodation is in need of some attention and comprises of the following:- Enclosed Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge, Store Room, Rear Dining Room, Kitchen, Bathroom, Three Bedrooms.

●GUIDE PRICE £65,000 PLUS

LOT 116c **Ely Place Walsall**

23rd and 26th January 11.30am.



A purpose built leasehold first floor maisonette, situated in a quiet cul de sac, close to all amenities. Ideally suited to an investor and offering good yields the gas centrally heated and double glazed accommodation is in need of some upgrade and comprises: Fully enclosed Porch, Kitchen, Lounge, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom.

●GUIDE PRICE £45,000 PLUS

LOT 116c **Allman Road Erdington**

24th January 12pm and 30th Jan 11.30am



A detached property ideal for a purchaser wishing to upgrade to their own taste having part double glazing and gas central heating the property briefly comprises: Enclosed Porch, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Sitting Room, dining/Breakfast Room, Kitchen, Utility and Garage, 3 Bedrooms and Bathroom.

●GUIDE PRICE £165,000 PLUS

LOT 116c **Broadway North Walsall**

Viewings: 26th, 31st January and 9th February midday.



This traditionally styled detached family property offers scope for further improvement whilst being situated in a popular residential area of South Walsall and boasts the benefit of gas fired central heating and double glazing. With all amenities close at hand the property comprises: Enclosed Porch, Reception Hall, Front Lounge, Reception Room, Extended Kitchen, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. EPC Rating F

●GUIDE PRICE £200,000 PLUS

LOT 116c **Westminster Road Rushall**

Viewings: 26th, 31st January at 10.00 am.



A two bedroom linked detached bungalow in a cul-de-sac location. Benefiting from gas central heating and double glazing, the property briefly comprises:- Enclosed Entrance Porch, Entrance Hall Two Bedroom, Dining Room, Bathroom and Kitchen. EPC Rating E

●GUIDE PRICE £125,000 PLUS

LOT 116c **3B and 3C Kingswood Drive Great Wyrley**

Appointment through Auctioneers



A fantastic opportunity to purchase two c long leasehold one bedroom ground floor flats (one let one vacant) for investment purposes, being situated in a popular residential area the properties are convenient for all amenities and benefit from central heating and double glazing.

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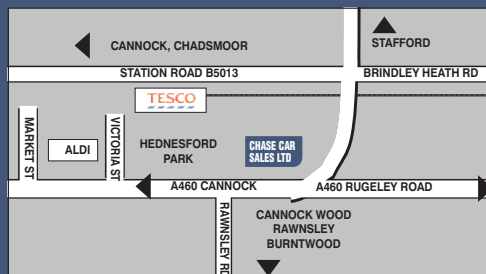
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Padding that will save you a fortune in dent fixing

By Ian Donaldson

"Stop it," the Navigator-in-Chief said in an urgent stage whisper, "they'll think you've gone mad." She may be right. The setting was a busy supermarket car park and the action which sparked the demand to stop immediately was me gently banging a shopping trolley into the side of the car you see pictured here.

Not as crazy as it sounds. You'll have noticed the stand out visual feature of this interesting new hatchback from Citroen; the plastic padding down the sides and around the lights, front and rear.

Called Airbumps, they're intended to both make the C4 Cactus stand out from the crowd (choose from four colours) and take a bit of light trolley bashing without needing a trip to the paint shop.

I'd say they work on both counts.

They are also intended to show that Citroen – once famous for its quirky take on family motoring – is getting back to basics with a car that includes practical features but ditch anything that adds to cost or mere complication.

Those Airbumps are the most obviously practical feature, but hop aboard and you'll find a big glovebox on top of the dash (possible thanks to airbags now mounted in the roof), generous door pockets and displays showing only the most important information, to reduce the visual clutter.

Thrown out are items you may only miss occasionally, or not at all. They include a rev counter, wind-up rear windows (they hinge instead), a passenger sun visor mirror and split/folding rear seat (it's in one piece, to save weight).

Then you'll notice the lack of buttons and switches for the sound system, sat nav and heating. They're all controlled from the nicely large touchscreen that dominates the dashboard.

Again, nicely minimal if you're a designer, but often more of a fiddle to work than a simple button push.

Ownership

The boot is big enough for family duties and the rear bench will seat adults without complaint. Both driver and front seat passenger were surprised to feel the join between seat back and base, almost as though there was a sock stuffed into the upholstery, an effect that lessened with mounting miles.

An aim of the team behind the C4 Cactus was reducing the cost of ownership. The range starts at £12,990 and tops out at £18,190, a price point some way from inexpensive. You might consider the lower reaches of the line up represent best value.

The test car sits just three down from the top of the pile but does come very well equipped.

Highlights include the sat nav already mentioned (but steer clear of its 'Eco' route choice, which loves daft detours), parking sensors, handsome black alloy wheels, a commendably clear reversing camera and a good sound system with DAB radio.

Extra on the test car included a giant, fixed sunroof (good value at £395) and a space saver tyre (£75) a much appreciated swap for the standard tin of aerosol gloop.

Power choices range across a series of petrol and diesel engines, with the 1.2 three-cylinder petrol unit in the test car the most powerful on offer. It packs a useful punch and still proved decently economical, showing 51mpg in a week that included a dramatic heavy throttle run to compensate for a mad Sunday selection of roadworks, and a tight schedule to keep.

Not that you'll want to hurry the Cactus too much; it's more comfortable at a jog, where if you pick the right road (not too pock-marked) it's a genuinely relaxing place to spend time in.

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Woman progress in cup challenge

FC Reedwood Ladies secured their place in the 3rd round of the Womens FA Cup with a 3-2 win over FA Women's Premier League Northern Division 1 side Chorley Ladies FC.

Three first half goals from Clarke, Hughes and Duggan gave FC Reedwood a 3-1 lead at half time.

The ladies carved out a number of chances during the second half despite tough conditions and were extremely close to extending their lead but for some excellent goalkeeping by the Chorley stopper.

Chorley grabbed a second in the 89th minute but all in all the ladies were worthy victors.

This is the first time the club have reached the 3rd round after a narrow 2-1 defeat in the second round to higher opposition last season.

FCR face another away trip, this time versus Bradford City Women FC on February 1.

The club said "Reaching this stage of the competition is a great achievement for the players, staff and the club as a whole, especially for a club with such limited resources but it shows how far we have come over the last few seasons following hard work on and off the pitch".

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£2.5m fraud fear at Blues

THE company that owns Birmingham City FC said it believes a former employee may have "misappropriated" £2.5m.

Birmingham International Holdings said it had reported the matter to the Hong Kong police.

The company said the loss "may have a material impact on the operation and financial situation of the group".

It was also concerned that the matter was apparently missed by auditors.

Shares in the Hong Kong-based company were suspended six weeks ago and will not resume trading until further notice.

Goal drought misery goes on for Villa

Villa 0 Liverpool 2

FABIO Borini scored his first Liverpool goal in almost two years as they comfortably despatched Villa in the Premier League.

Rickie Lambert clinched victory as the Reds extended their unbeaten run to eight games in all competitions. Martin Skrtel also hit the post while Christian Benteke and Nathan Baker missed decent chances for the powderpuff hosts.

Villa's goal misery continued and they have now gone eight hours and 42 minutes without scoring.

Paul Lambert's side have won just twice in their last 18 league games and are only three points above the drop zone, while Liverpool sit seventh.

Steven Gerrard failed to recover from a hamstring injury with Raheem Sterling back after his planned winter break in Jamaica.

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maica. Fabian Delph made an immediate return for Villa after suspension, replacing Joe Cole, and Nathan Baker came in for the suspended Ciaran Clark.

The planned protest from Villa fans - there were calls for a boycott of the first eight minutes of the match to signify eight years under chairman Randy Lerner - flopped with few taking part.

They missed little, though, aside from Alan Hutton's fine tackle to thwart the lurking Borini and Benteke heading at Simon Mignolet.

Alberto Moreno did beat Brad Guzan - with a fine low shot in the 17th minute - but his celebrations were pulled back after he was correctly ruled offside.

Liverpool were comfortable, patient and probing as they waited for a chance - and their persistence was rewarded on 24 minutes when Borini netted his first goal for the club since April 2013.

Jordan Henderson was allowed time to cross and, after pulling away from Jores Okore, Borini stretched to volley in at the far post.

Sterling should have made it 2-0 eight minutes before the break, but blew a golden chance. Lucas' header put him clean through but he opted to chip and Guzan, standing up and not committing himself, gathered the ball with embarrassing ease. Villa offered little going forward although the previously anonymous Tom Cleverley fired over after Ashley Westwood's pass.

It was a rare chance and the hosts were fortunate not to be further behind five minutes into the second half.

They relied on Guzan as the keeper stretched to tip Skrtel's header onto the post before he parried Henderson's fierce drive.

Carles Gil, signed from Valencia, came off the bench after an hour to make his debut with Villa struggling for ideas. He showed some skill and they almost levelled a minute later when Mignolet parried Benteke's fierce 10-yard volley.

Borini blasted over two minutes later but Liverpool were being pinned back by a revitalised Villa as Baker headed over and then produced an air shot from just six yards.

But the hosts were left to rue the misses when Rickie Lambert sealed Liverpool's victory with 11 minutes left. Sterling found his team-mate, whose fine touch took him away from Carlos Sanchez before he drilled into the corner.

Wood must do it all again in run for Vase

FA Vase Round 4

Walsall Wood 1 Shaw Lane Aquaforce 1 (aet)
BOTH sides are in Monday's 5th Round draw after this pulsating encounter.

Wood went ahead through Ben Evans after just two minutes, the visitors equalised from the penalty spot 20 minutes later. They then had the better of the half but Wood held out before having the better of the second half.

Luke O'Brien was dismissed on 78 minutes the visitors looked to be heading for the exit door, but they took the tie into extra time and held out to take Wood back to Barnsley sometime next week, weather permitting.

Clever play on the edge of the box by Lee Morris saw him set up Joe Thornton to take one touch before firing high and wide.

On two minutes Corey Curritthers collected a ball wide left, cut in along the byeline, his low cross cut back to Ben Evans to fire home from 10 yards.

On 22 minutes Joe Thornton twisted and turned on the right of the box and went down under a mistimed challenge, a penalty was given and Shane Kelsey put Shaw Lane back on level terms.

A minute later Thornton raced into the right of the box, his fierce low drive pushed round his left hand post by Faultless.

With 27 minutes gone, O'Brien raced into the right of the box, his low cross found Thornton, Shawn Boothe blocking his first time drive.

A minute later it was Thornton away again wide right, his cross headed goalwards by Morris, with Faultless beaten Deakin raced back to clear the ball off the line. On 37 minutes

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Thornton was clear again on the right, he cut across the face of the box, his low drive well saved by Faultless.

A clever flick on by Gary Stohrer three minutes later found Thornton on the right of the box to fire a wild cross shot across the face of the six yard box.

A minute later it was O'Brien racing into the left of the box, his cross cut shot right under the bar tipped over by Faultless.

Wood's reply was instant, Curritthers put Andre Gonzales clear wide left, he cut inside, pulled the ball back into the path of Evans to hit a first time low drive just wide.

Eight minutes into the second half Curritthers played a ball into the left edge of the box to find Evans, his quick through-ball almost set up Taylor but Gathercole raced from his line to kick clear.

55 minutes saw Evans cut inside from wide right, his low drive bringing a full length save from Gathercole.

Then on 78 minutes substitute Tom Evans raced for goal right of centre and was pulled back by O'Brien who collected a red card for the challenge.

So it's a trip up the M1 to Barnsley for Wood.

Wolves honour Sir Jack with a victory



Dave Edwards celebrates with his black armband in memory of Sir Jack Hayward after scoring the opener

Wolves 2 Blackpool 0

IT was a day when an entire city hoped, prayed and wished for three points.

And for those fortunate enough to be among the 28,132 inside Molineux on Saturday, it was a day nobody will forget.

The biggest crowd of the season packed into the golden palace to prove Wolverhampton knows exactly how to say goodbye to one of its greats.

Sir Jack Hayward was a man who

always let everyone know much he loved Wolverhampton.

But on Saturday everyone inside the stadium which he built showed just how Wolverhampton loves him.

Blackpool had their first sniff at goal when a shanked Danny Bath clearance was seized upon by Nathan Delfouneso 25 yards out.

Wolves should have taken the lead before half-time when Dave Edwards was presented with a golden chance.

The midfielder took the ball into the box but with just the keeper to

beat screwed his shot horribly wide to miss "an absolute sitter."

The second half started in cagey fashion with Wolves' game plan seemingly to get the ball wide to van La Parra at every occasion. Four minutes from time Wolves finally got the goal their second-half performance deserved. Midfielder van La Parra delivered a fine cross which was smashed home by Edwards for his fourth goal in three games.

An error saw the ball break kindly for Afobe who tapped home.

Under-16s are the high point for matches

WALSALL'S game at Leek became a victim of the cold weather at the weekend and both two teams are hope to be able to complete the fixture this Saturday.

Bridgnorth 2nds 24 Walsall United 8.

This game was much closer than the score suggests. Walsall had most of the territory and possession during the first half, but conceded three breakaway tries.

The hosts were far more competitive after the interval. But an Andy Hawkins penalty and a Jordon Lay try saw the visitors close the gap.

The final piece of action saw Bridgnorth make a strong attack that resulted in the final score.

Walsall Thirds were involved in a close game against Vesvians. Pete Peakman scoring the home team's only points. Once

again he showed good speed in crossing for a try that gave his team a 5-3 victory.

Walsall Colts 12 Birmingham Solihull Colts 17

The Walsall Colts team were desperately unlucky to lose their latest league game.

The game was finely poised throughout with the hosts creating enough opportunities to secure the win.

Stephen Whiting scored their first try which Harry Duffield converting.

A Jordan Lay run resulted in another try which levelled the score. But an injury time break by the visitors won them the game.

Walsall Junior Rugby Bridgnorth Under-16s 17 Walsall Under-16s 41

An early breakaway resulted in Dan Carpenter scoring within the first minute. But

the hosts hit back with a try almost immediately.

The next 10 minutes saw Walsall put together some good rugby and took an emphatic lead with tries by Nathan Neale and then Lewis Keane.

A period of good defence by the visitors saw them repel several attacks and then make an effective counter which resulted in Dan Carpenter getting his second try.

Just before the interval a superb break saw Nick Clarke-Selby add another touchdown.

Bridgnorth made a strong start to the second half and eventually scored their second try. Walsall were soon in control once again and some good work by Ben Fortes-Mayer set up Dan Carpenter for his third. Bridgnorth managed one more try before

Walsall completed the scoring after Matt Eccleston, put Tom Olivo away for the team's final score.

Olivio then added his third conversion. Bridgnorth Under-14s 40 Walsall Under-14s 5

A physically strong Bridgnorth outfit dominated most of this match. Walsall were valiant in defence, but 'North' had a 26-0 advantage by half time.

The second half showed more promise and Walsall seemed to string some good surging runs together, resulting in some really good interplay between backs and forwards.

Walsall kept pushing through phase after phase, resulting in a well-worked try for Tommy Cleary to get the team's only score in a disappointing match.

Clarke has eyes on the Masters

UNBEATEN boxing sensation, Lennox Clarke, insists he will be crowned British Bronze Masters Champion on 21st February.

The exciting Super Middleweight tops Black Country Boxing's 'Triple Threat' bill at the Banks's Stadium, home of Walsall FC, next month as he goes in search of a first title.

The Halesowen danger man is undefeated in his opening six contests since turning professional just over a year ago and is looking to start 2015 with a bang against Trowbridge's Dan Blackwell.

"It's been a good twelve months but I'm hoping to go on to bigger and better things now," Clarke told www.uko-boxing.com. "I'm looking for more wins and more titles."

Clarke has left a trail of destruction, stopping his opponent on three occasions, including the 14 second demolition of Raimonds Sniedze in October.

Tickets are £30 Standard Unreserved and £40 Stage Ringside Unreserved or £50 VIP Ringside with three-course meal.

Standard and Stage Ringside tickets are available by calling 07909 335 448.

VIP Ringside is available on 01922 651 414/416.

We need all the fans, says Smith

DEAN SMITH is overjoyed at the news Walsall's Johnstone's Paint Trophy showdown with Preston has sold out and told supporters: "We need you all behind us."

Walsall will be backed by a capacity home crowd when they take their shot at a first-ever Wembley appearance next Tuesday, after fans snapped up the handful of remaining tickets.

The Saddlers take a 2-0 lead into the Northern Area Final second leg and Smith said: "It just shows it has caught the imagination of everyone but it is going to be a really tough game and we need everyone behind us."

His team now have eight days to prepare for the game as they are without a fixture this Saturday and Smith added: "The break is how we would want it."

"Preston have a couple of games to play between now and then. There will be no excuse, we will be fresh for it and we know how tough it is going to be."

Boukari hit by groin injury

LUCKLESS Razak Boukari has suffered yet another injury blow - as Scott Golbourne returns to contention at Wolves.

The £2.5m winger has a groin strain and will be out for up to three weeks.

Boukari was due to make his comeback with Golbourne in today's visit of Brentford to Compton, postponed in any event due to a frozen pitch.

"Boukari has a groin strain which he did last Friday and will be out for two to three weeks," said head coach Kenny Jackett.

"He's picked up a lot of injuries. I haven't been able to give him a chance yet."

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Pics give up two goal lead for loss

Workington 3 Rushall 2
RUSHALL surrendered a two-goal lead to go down at Workington.

Matty Tymon saw red for the hosts while Cameron Belford was also dismissed for the Pics, conceding the Reds' penalty winner two minutes from time.

Workington keeper Jonny Jamieson smothered at Jake Heath's feet after a superb move down the right, but the home stopper was beaten in the 23rd minute.

Chris Lait swung in a hopeful ball which Lee Andrews missed, Aaron Williams slotting home at the back post.

The hosts came back and Aris Christophorou cleared Conor Tinnion's effort off the line with Belford well beaten.

The visitors doubled their lead just six minutes into the second half, Gavin Caines converting from the spot after Josh Calvert had pulled back Williams.

The two-goal cushion was halved inside four minutes, Gareth Arnison rifling in for Workington. Jack Duggan's mistake allowed Tymon in to level. Tymon collected a straight red for a challenge on Steven Leslie before Belford walked for fouling Phil McLuckie in the area. Christophorou went in goal, but Scott Allison's spot-kick gave him no chance.

Squad fail to build on win

Bloxwich10 Burntwood 35
BLOXWICH RFC were looking to push on after last week's victory over Willenhall RFC, but were beaten this week by a clinical display by Burntwood.

Man of the match Brad Russell crossed the line for the first Bloxwich score, after he found himself at the end of a fluid passing attack from Bloxwich back line.

Once again Bloxwich had worked hard to put themselves in reach of another try only for skipper Richard Geary to be stopped inches from the line.

Burntwood made some changes at half time and the fresher legs started to find some space and time to stretch the Bloxwich defence.

Towards the end of the match Brad Russell tumbled in for his second try of the game.

Late equaliser saves Khalsa's unbeaten run

Sporting Khalsa 1 Ellesmere Rangers 1

A late equaliser by Mensah Kinch kept Sporting Khalsa's unbeaten run intact after being tested to the limit by the only side to have taken points off them this season.

In September, Rangers were the first team to beat Khalsa in a 2-0 win and came within three minutes of doing the double.

The first half was dominated by the hosts with Craig Bannister in the thick of the chances early on.

On eight minutes it took a great save by Lee Davis at the near post to deny the Khalsa frontman and two minutes later a

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Kinch cross found Bannister in a dangerous position but his header was somehow deflected wide for a corner.

Davis again pulled off a great save on 14 minutes to once again deny Bannister, this time from a shot from the edge of the area.

And on 18 minutes a great through-ball by Lee Wherton to pacey striker Lee Wherton saw him round Davis only for his goal bound effort to be cleared by the exceptional Josh Parker.

Ian Rowe's men were left to rue the missed chances on 32 minutes when Paddy Townsend picked up a loose ball as Ellesmere made a rare excursion forward, the linesman's flag stayed down and the striker finished in style to put the visitors ahead against the run of play.

Simeon Townsend wasted a chance to equalise on 36 minutes, clearing the crossbar from a pinpoint Nisbett cross.

The second half saw Ellesmere successfully stifle Khalsa's creative excursions and wrestle more of the possession for themselves.

Parker made a timely intervention on 52 minutes to stop the dangerous looking Wherton in his tracks after he was put through by Kinch.

And Ryan Jones had a couple of chances in the space of four minutes, first forcing a great save from Khalsa keeper James Pemberton on 69 minutes after he raced clear on the break and four minutes later curling a free kick just wide.

With just three minutes to play, Kinch received the ball with his back to goal, controlled and fired past the keeper and into the far corner to equalise.

Aldridge in a fight for win

Chaddeley Corbett 7

Aldridge 16

VISITOR'S Aldridge were made to fight hard for their victory in the Midlands 5 West (North) encounter with Chaddeley Corbett.

They made a bright enough start though, when after just three minutes some determined forward driving play and inter-passing combined to create space for centre Chris Balmforth to burst through and touch down close to the posts - full back Alex Yates added the extras.

Aldridge persisted in trying to run from deep when kicking for position might have been more fruitful and as their frustrations rose, handling errors began to creep in.

With 10 minutes of the half remaining a strong defensive effort was eventually breached when No10 Rob Burton skipped through to touch down - he also added the conversion.

The constant pressure on the home side eventually told and two more well struck penalties from Yates gave the visitors a final 7-16 lead at the end which looked slightly more comfortable than it was.

Cut mistakes, says Chambers

JAMES CHAMBERS says Walsall's Jekyll and Hyde form has to stop if they are to make their Wembley dream a reality.

The centre-half is gearing up for the Saddlers' Johnstone's Paint Trophy clash with Preston.

"At the moment we are not in the greatest form at home," said Chambers.

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SADDLERS SHOW GRIT TO WIN UGLY

Colchester 0 Walsall 2

WINNING ugly is a term which long appeared absent from the Saddlers' phrase book.

However, in Colchester on Saturday that is exactly what they did, with a victory which owed as much to determination and grit as it did a considerable helping of fortune.

They simply don't win enough games in this manner. Against a home side mourning the loss of 14-goal top scorer Freddie Sears to Ipswich on Friday lunchtime, the Saddlers appeared in charitable mood early on as they did their best to gift their hosts an early advantage.

They somehow survived and grabbed the lead when Anthony Forde rounded off the only decent move of the first half and then survived second-half pressure before Michael Cain popped up with the second to confirm a third straight away win and extend the unbeaten run on their travels in the league to six games.

Contenders

Sort out their erratic home form and the Saddlers would be strong contenders for one of two play-off positions which appear up for grabs. Now 14th in the table, they are one of eight teams within three points of sixth-placed Bradford, with Sheffield United only a point further ahead of their Yorkshire rivals in fifth.

The prize of a top-six finish is there for any team who can put a run together, though the Saddlers will have to sort out their bewil-

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dering inconsistency before they can be taken too seriously. This was their third clean sheet in succession on the road and during their unbeaten away run they have been breached only twice.

Yet at home they have conceded 10 in the last three games and quite what manager Dean Smith can do to combat such an erratic form book is anyone's guess.

At Colchester he responded to the previous weekend's 4-1 home humbling by dropping vice-captain Paul Downing and restoring Ben Purkiss to the side at right-back.

Yet the young centre-back was out of the action for less than four minutes after a flying boot from Sanchez Watt left James O'Connor with a lengthy and nasty-looking cut to the top of his head.

Downing responded with the kind of assured performance you've come to expect and his manager has an interesting choice to make when it comes to selecting his back line for the big Johnstone's Paint Trophy showdown with Preston.



Romaine Sawyers sticks close to his man during the away match against Colchester

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